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AUSTRALIA LOSES 3 WICKETS

AND ADDS 42 RUNS

BRADMAN AND FAIRFAX BOTH DISMISSED

RAIN FALLS DURING NIGHT

For the loss of three more wickets, Australia has added 42 runs to her overnight score and brought the total, at the lunch interval, along to 409 runs for seven wickets. Bradman and Fairfax are both out, Geary of Leicester being responsible each time. These two batsmen put up 183 runs for the fifth wicket. The highest English 5th wicket partnership against Australia is 192 runs gathered by L. C. Braund and R. E. Foster at Sydney in 1903-4.

As matter of fact, Australia got only 19 runs this morning and Bradman was out. Then 13 runs later Fairfax was back in the pavilion, two wickets falling for 32 runs.

Geary's Victims
There were only 3,000 people present at Melbourne to-day, says Reuter, when the fifth day's play in the Fifth Test opened. The sky was overcast. Rain had fallen during the night and there was more rain at 9.30 a.m. to-day.

The wicket has not been greatly affected, Reuter states—a factor which should be to England's advantage later.

Bradman (109) and Fairfax (50), the overnight not-outs—with the total at 367 for 4—resumed batting. In trying to place Geary's deliveries, Bradman gave an easy catch to Tate, who was fielding at forward short leg—and the ball was held!

Bradman made 123 (i.e., 14 this morning). He was fifth out at 386. His magnificent innings lasted 217 minutes and he hit 8 fours. His partnership with Fairfax—who had now made 65—lasted 213 minutes produced 183 runs.

Took No Risks
Oxenham was sent in to partner Fairfax, but the latter stepped in front of a straight one from Geary with the total at 399 (for six wickets). Oxenham then had two. Fairfax batted soundly for 232 minutes and took no risks in getting his 65 (15 of which were made to-day). He hit only 2 fours.

Australia's total of 400 came with the innings having lasted 563 minutes. Oldfield having gone in to partner Oxenham. While Oxenham got 4 runs, bringing his total to 6, the wicket-keeper had also scored 6 when he was caught and bowled by Geary through playing forward to a low ball. Seven wickets down for 409 runs and Geary's third wicket of the morning's play.

Grimmett went in and stuck out until the interval with no change to the score. Heavy rain fell during the lunch interval, with the scores standing:—

ENGLAND—1ST INNINGS			
J. B. Hobbs, lb.w., b. Ryder	142		
R. M. Oldfield, b. Wall	19		
W. R. Hammond, c. Fairfax, b. Wall	38		
E. Tyldesley, c. Hornbrook, b. Ryder	31		
G. Duckworth, c. Fairfax, b. Hornbrook	12		
E. Hendren, c. Hornbrook, b. Fairfax	95		
M. Leyland, c. Fairfax, b. Oxenham	137		
H. Larwood, b. Wall	4		
G. Geary, b. Hornbrook	4		
M. W. Tate, c. substitute, b. Hornbrook	15		
J. C. White, not out	9		
Extras	13		

Total	519
Fall of wickets: 1 for 64 runs (Jardine), 2 for 146 (Hammond), 3 for 235 (Hobbs), 4 for 240 (Tyldesley), 5 for 260 (Duckworth), 6 for 401 (Hendren), 7 for 409 (Larwood), 8 for 428 (Geary), 9 for 470 (Tate), 10 for 519 (Leyland).	

BOWLING ANALYSIS			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Wall	49	8	128
Hornbrook	48	8	142
Oxenham	45	15	86
Grimmett	25	11	40
Fairfax	25	4	84
Ryder	18	5	29
Kippax	8	1	2

AUSTRALIA—1ST INNINGS			
Larwood	102		
A. Jackson, run out	30		
A. F. Kippax, c. Duckworth, b. White	38		
J. S. Ryder, c. Tate, b. Hammond	30		

TENTH VICTIM

UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND

HOTEL FIRE SEQUEL

A tenth victim has been added to the death roll in connection with the King Edward Hotel fire. A paragraph in this morning's Police reports stated:—
"Removed to the Victoria mortuary, the charred remains of a human being, found on the roof of the King Edward Hotel, apparently, burned in the fire. Name, sex, and nationality unknown."

PROPRIETORS' SYMPATHY

Letter to United States Consul-General.

We have been courteously furnished with copies of the under-mentioned letters, which speak for themselves:
Hong Kong, March 11, 1929.

Sir,
On behalf of the proprietors of the King Edward Hotel, and on my own behalf, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to convey to Admiral Bristol and the officers and men of the American Navy our deepest and most profound sympathies at their unfortunate loss as the result of the fire which occurred this morning in the premises of the Hotel when, we understand, three gallant men of the American Navy perished.

Needless to say, our sympathies are also extended to you as representative of the great American people in this Colony.

With renewed expressions of our grief,
I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
J. H. WITCHELL,
R. C. Tredwell, Esq.,
Consul-General for the
United States of America.

[It should be understood that, at the moment that this letter was written it was not definitely ascertained that only one American sailor lost his life.]

American Consular Service,
Hong Kong, March 12, 1929.
Mr. James H. Wittchell,
Manager, King Edward Hotel,
Hong Kong.

Sir:
The receipt is acknowledged, with thanks, of your kind letter of March 11, 1929, offering your sympathy for the sad loss suffered by the American Navy in the King Edward Hotel fire, and a copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Naval authorities concerned.

Very respectfully yours,
ROGER CULVER TREDWELL,
American Consul-General.

FUNERALS OF VICTIMS

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Robson

The funeral of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Robson, two of the victims of the King Edward Hotel fire, took place at the Protestant cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening, being attended by a large gathering of sympathisers.

The two were buried in the same grave, the service at the graveside being conducted by the Rev. C. H. Hewitt, Naval Chaplain.

(Continued on Page 4.)

D. Bradman, c. Tate, b. Geary 123
A. Fairfax, lb.w., b. Geary 65
R. M. Oxenham, not out 6
W. A. Oldfield, c. b. Geary 6
C. V. Grimmett, not out 0
Extras 9

(Total for 7 wks.) 409
Fall of wickets: 1 for 64 runs (Jackson), 2 for 143 (Kippax), 3 for 203 (Ryder), 4 for 208 (Woodfull), 5 for 386 (Bradman), 6 for 399 (Fairfax), 7 for 409 (Oldfield).

Two Expensive "Chances"
Two "chances" which were not accepted yesterday cost England dearly. Else Fairfax might have been out for 14 (Hobbs was at fault) and Bradman (catch to Geary) at 46.

Bradman and Fairfax went on to beat the record for an Australian 5th wicket partnership in Tests against England, namely, that of 142 put up by J. Darling and S. E. Gregory, also at Melbourne, as long ago as 1894.

FIGHTING EXPECTED IN NORTH

RUPTURE DEFINITE

"CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S" PLOT AGAINST NANKING

DISCOVERY OF CONSPIRACY

A British Naval wireless message to hand to-day states:
"All is quiet at Hankow, but considerable military activity has been observed, troops leaving Hankow for down river.
A report is current in Hankow that the immediate cause of the present outbreak was the discovery in Nanking of an understanding between General Li Tsung-jen and General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") to overthrow the Nanking regime.
Too Busy to Fight?
General Feng Yu-hsiang probably holds the balance between the Nanking and the Kwangsi Parties, but he is reported to be too busy in the North to come down on one side or the other at present.
General Chu Pei-teh, commanding the Nanking forces in Kiangsi province, has arrived at Kiukiang, and is proceeding to Nanchang.
A report has been received to the effect that the rupture between Nanking and Kwangsi is definite, and fighting is expected in spite of the attempts that are being made to reach an agreement.
General Li Tsung-jen, late head of Wu-Han Political Council, having gone to Shanghai, has resigned. Shanghai, To-day.

Marshal Li Chai-sum, of Canton and the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs (Mr. Chu Chao-hsin) left for Nanking last evening.

Li Chai-sum affirmed that he had no doubt the Hankow-Nanking issues will be settled satisfactorily by negotiation.

General Li Tsung-jen remains at Shanghai for the present.—Reuter. [Earlier news under "The Chinese Crisis" on page 12.]

TERRIBLE DEATH

ATTEMPT TO ALIGHT FROM ENGINE

A FOREMAN KILLED

A contractor's foreman met with a terrible death on the light railway track near the Kai Tak aerodrome yesterday afternoon.

The unfortunate man was Li Chung (31), employed by the Yau Chung firm of contractors engaged on construction work at the air port, and living in the contractors' mess at Sha-li-yuen village. He attempted to alight from the light engine whilst it was in motion drawing 13 trucks laden with earth, and, falling under the wheels, was killed instantly. His left arm was severed at the elbow, whilst his head was badly crushed.

The Police removed the body to the Kowloon mortuary.
In connection with the accident, a brave attempt to rescue the dead man was made by a clansman named Li Cheung, who was injured in the process. Li Cheung, who is an earth cooler, was riding on one of the trucks. When Li Chung fell under the engine, Li Cheung immediately jumped off his truck to go to the rescue. He also fell and suffered injury to his left foot. He received first aid at the hands of the Little Sisters of the Poor at Ngaushwan before he was removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

MEXICAN REVOLT

A REQUEST FROM CHINESE LEGATION

WHERE THE REBELS RULE

Washington, Yesterday.

The Chinese Legation in Mexico City has requested the good offices of the American Government on behalf of the Chinese in the districts occupied by the rebels, notably at Chihuahua, Torreon and Mazatlan.—Reuter's American Service.

Sir Eric Geddes, who left England early last month on a business visit to Australia and Malaysia, will be coming from Australia by the "Nalders," due in Penang on March 6 or 7. From Penang, he will proceed to Malacca before going on to Singapore. He will probably leave for Hong Kong on March 22, says the "Penny Gazette."

MR. BREWER WISHES TO APPEAL

LEAVE REFUSED

JURY FOR HIS COUNTER-CLAIM TO-MORROW

UNUSUAL IN SUMMARY COURT

Mr. Justine Brewer, president of the Instone, Banking Corporation, who is a barrister-at-law, appeared before the Full Court to-day in an unsuccessful application and will appear in Summary Jurisdiction to-morrow in a counter-claim against Mr. R. Simmons, general works manager of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., when the unusual occurrence of a jury in a civil case in the "small court" will be seen.

All this arises out of the litigation between Mr. Brewer and Mr. Simmons. Mr. Simmons was given judgment against Mr. Brewer for \$375 and costs, for board and lodging.

CLOUDY-MISTY

This morning's weather report issued by the Royal Observatory states:
A new anti-cyclone has formed over S. E. Mexico.

Moderate motion may be expected along the S. E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, misty.

ling due by Mr. and Mrs. Brewer at No. 4, Century, in June, 1928. Mr. Brewer counter-claimed for special damages and general damages.

His Honour the Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) gave judgment in Summary Jurisdiction on the hearing of the counter-claim for to-morrow at 2.15 p.m.

In the interval, Mr. Brewer has sought leave to appeal against the judgment and applied for a jury to sit to-morrow.

Not since 20 years ago—it is possibly more—has a jury functioned in the Summary Court in a civil case so that the occasion will be unique in the annals of the local judiciary.

His Honour the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E.) and Mr. Justice Wood sat in the Full Court this morning. Mr. Brewer, the defendant (appellant), conducted his own case. Mr. Simmons, the plaintiff (respondent), was neither present nor represented.

Three Grounds
Mr. Brewer applied for leave to appeal against Mr. Justice Wood's decision, on three grounds:—

1.—The counter-claim should not have been separated from the claim.

2.—Defendant should not have been deprived of the right to make an opening speech before calling evidence.

3.—The verdict was against the weight of the evidence.

In dismissing the application, their Lordships found that under the Hong Kong Code of Civil Procedure there is a provision that the counter-claim can be separated; that defendant did not protest at the time he was directed by the Justice to call evidence without making an opening speech; and that the verdict was not against the weight of the evidence.

MERCANTILE BANK

FINAL DIVIDEND OF 8 PER CENT.

The local branch of the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, has received a telegram from the Head Office in London advising that at the annual general meeting of the shareholders a final dividend of 8 per cent. on the "A," "B," and "C" shares will be declared (making 16 per cent. for the year less Income Tax); \$30,000 will be placed to reserve (raising it to \$1,450,000); \$40,000 will be written off landed and house property; and \$162,000 will be carried forward to 1929 account.

Mr. R. Sakamoto, Japanese Consul-General in Amoy, was expected to arrive in Shanghai last week.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day, was 1/11 13/16.

\$3,500,000 FOR NEW MACHINERY

G. I. CEMENT CO., LTD.

SHAREHOLDER'S ALLEGATION OF DISCOURTESY

NEW CAPITAL NOT NEEDED

By extraordinary resolution, shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., authorised the Board to-day to spend up to \$3,500,000 on new plant at the Hok On factory, Kowloon; and it was announced that new capital will not be called for the project.

Prior to this the annual meeting was held at which a shareholder, Mr. Joseph Gould (the shareholder) alleged discourtesy on the part of the staff toward a potential customer and also suggested consideration of the remuneration to Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the General Managers.

There were present Mr. R. G. Shewan (chairman), Messrs. C. A. de Rosa, C. F. Mendham, J. Scott Harston, Li Tse-fong and J. H. Taggart (directors), Mr. Allan Keith (secretary) and Messrs. M. A. Figueiredo, Yeung Yan Tang Kong-po, N. V. A. Croucher, O. Kitchell, Joseph Gould, So Pei-shao, P. M. N. da Silva, J. Coulthart, F. J. Tavares, A. L. Shields, I. W. Shewan, H. Dreyer, Kwok Kam-hang, F. E. Silva and Capt. J. Robinson (shareholders).

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors.

Year's Allocations

The chairman then said:—
The report and accounts for the year ended Dec. 31, 1928, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The profit for the year, after allowing \$68,876.27 for depreciation amounts to \$137,941.90 and with the sum of \$1,950,71 brought forward from 1927, there remains a credit balance of \$209,902.61 which your directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—

To place to Reserve Fund \$100,000.00
To place to reserve for New Plant 50,000.00
To write off Deep Water Bay works:—
Buildings and Machinery (\$30,000.00) 50,000.00
Stocks (\$20,000.00) 9,902.61
To carry forward 9,902.61
\$209,902.61

Business Reviewed

Business for the first eight months of the year under review was exceedingly poor, as although enquiries were plentiful, we were unable to meet the competition we were faced with owing to our high costs of production brought about firstly by the obsolete plant at Hok On and secondly by the fact that having accumulated large stocks of cement we were unable to keep our factories running full time. In September, however, a strong demand set in both locally and from abroad. This demand enabled us not only to dispose of all our accumulated stocks of cement but also to commence running both factories full time, thus materially reducing costs. So strong has this demand become that for the past three months we have been daily turning away orders.

Business, I am glad to say, still continues to be good, and the company as you will see from the balance sheet is in a highly satisfactory position financially.

Deep Water Bay

Our Deep Water Bay works have remained closed throughout the year under review and your directors are now contemplating disposing of them altogether. We have had several enquiries in regard to these works, but no acceptable offer has as yet been made us.

It is with great regret that your directors are again unable to recommend the payment of a dividend, but they are of the opinion that the company's resources should be reserved for the erection of a new factory. We are only at the beginning of the cement era and I think we can confidently look forward to good times in future years.

I now have pleasure in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. J. Scott Harston seconded.

Three Questions
Mr. Gould then asked the following questions:—

What is the practice of the company in fixing the selling price of cement. Is it done by the Board, the general managers or left to the discretion of the company's staff?

When the price is so fixed, how long a period of time is usually allowed before it comes up for revision?

What was the price the company was charging for its cement in the latter part of December last (1928)?

His Reason
Mr. Gould added:—
My reason for putting these questions is that it might afford me an opportunity of calling attention to any charges that have been made.

HAIPHONG CASE

ALLEGATIONS IN EXTRADITION REQUEST

BANKRUPTCY OFFENCES?

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, this morning, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, opened the case against Chun Hong-chun, alias Chan Hong-chun (28), a native of Hoiyung, Chichow, China, whose extradition is sought by the French authorities for alleged offences against the bankruptcy laws at Haiphong, Tonkin.

In affidavits produced by Mr. Fitzroy, the alleged fugitive was described as the principal of the Chan Wing Hing firm of Rue Chinnoise, Haiphong, and was adjudged bankrupt on January 9, 1929.

Formal evidence was given by Mr. J. H. Gelling, acting Chief Clerk at the Colonial Secretary's Office, and Mr. N. van Tuong, a clerk at the French Consulate, Hong Kong.

Mr. Fitzroy read the English version of the warrant issued at Haiphong on January 9, 1929, for the arrest of the fugitive. It alleged that in December, 1928, he had diverted part of his assets previous to his adjudication as a bankrupt on January 9, 1929, and absconded from Haiphong. It was also alleged that the fugitive had fraudulently debited himself for various sums of money when in point of fact he did not owe the money.

Mr. Fitzroy then put in the Haiphong warrant of arrest dated January 14, 1929, and the adjudication of bankruptcy of the fugitive by the French Court on January 9, 1929.

Rice Merchants' Payments

An affidavit by Hu Sang, alias Bing, a rice merchant of No. 170, Rue Chinnoise, Haiphong, was read. He had guaranteed the fugitive's credit on information given to him by his uncle. As the result of the fugitive absconding, he (witness) had to reimburse 16,000 piastres to the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, 18,000 piastres to the Chartered Bank, and 10,700 piastres to the Customs. He also lost 8,000 piastres which he had put as security on the fugitive's behalf, and in addition to these sums, there were various amounts of money, aggregating 23,000 piastres, which he had from time to time lent to the fugitive.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, who appeared for the fugitive, pointed out that the affidavit read by Mr. Fitzroy related to a previous charge in which Mr. H. C. Macnamara had been interested, and the fugitive had been discharged on that count.

French Law

Mr. Fitzroy agreed but said he thought that the affidavit was sent on to show "abus de confiance" on the part of the fugitive. This, he thought, came under fraudulent bankruptcy in French law. He would not make a definite statement on that point, however, because he was not an authority on French law.

Mr. Loseby pointed out that the charge was dropped in a straightforward manner, and he thought that Mr. Fitzroy would have to call evidence on French law if he wished to use that affidavit in the present proceedings.

His Worship decided to leave that point open for argument at a later stage.

Mr. N. L. Lindon, Asst. Supt. of Police, has relinquished his temporary appointment as Acting Commissioner, Johore, and is now personal assistant to the Chief Police Officer, Singapore.

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EXPENDITURE ON THE SINGAPORE BASE

ARMY ESTIMATES

NEW STATEMENT BY THE WAR SECRETARY

ARTILLERY PROVISION

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons report stage of the Army Estimates, Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, said the amount to be expended on the Singapore Base would be reduced owing to the postponement of the provision for artillery. The nature of the military expenditure was to prepare for the establishment of heavy guns to assist in the defence of Singapore. That, finally, meant the presence of gunners, garrison and buildings for their occupation, and the expenditure in this year's Army Estimates was part of the expenditure for that work. The vote was agreed to.

The Air Station

On the report stage of the Air Estimates, in the House of Commons, Sir Samuel Hoare, referring to Comdr. Kenworthy's criticism of £100,000 expenditure on the Singapore Air Station, said the money was chiefly for levelling the ground for an aerodrome and would be part of the Naval Base. But it would also be a very important and far East Station even if there was no Naval Base Station and would become necessary.

The vote was agreed to.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYMENT

BOOKLET ISSUED BY LIBERAL PARTY

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S VIEWS

London, Yesterday.
"We can conquer unemployment" is the title of a booklet detailing the Liberal Party's scheme, mentioned by Mr. Lloyd George on March 1.

It proposes to employ 350,000 on roads including the completion of the national system of trunk roads and the reconstruction of bridges, 60,000 on housing, 60,000 on telephone development, 62,000 on electrical development, 30,000 on land and drainage, 24,000 on London passenger and transport.

It estimates the expenditure on roads, spread over two years, at £145,000,000 to be raised by a loan of £200,000,000 upon the increasing income of the Road Fund. It suggests that the land values created by the public improvements will provide a "copious source of revenue."

Dealing with the general question of the finance, the booklet suggests the issue of Reconstruction or National Development Bonds and certificates, similar to war bonds.

Ex-Premier Interviewed

Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed by Reuter, explained the booklet and said that he would wholeheartedly support any Government that propounded similar proposals. He did not think that the Reconstruction Loan would depreciate existing Government securities, but that on the contrary their value would improve as the result of new confidence. He did not think that the development of road transport would prejudice the railways which would share in the general prosperity that would ensue. He emphasised that road development would tremendously increase land values.—Reuter.

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NOTICES.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 40TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of March, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and a Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 4th day of March, 1929 to WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of March, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 21st Feb., 1929.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. Building, on FRIDAY, 22nd March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 11th March, 1929, to 22nd March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1929.

TUITION

SPECIAL PHYSICAL CULTURE CLASS.

Mme BARONELLI, ARTISTE.—School of dancing for children and adults. Special Physical Culture class for Stout and Slim Ladies. Address: 31, Ashley Road, Kowloon (Back of Star Theatre).

NOTICES.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

HONG KONG BRANCH.

MEMBERS are requested to attend a Regular Monthly Meeting at the GUILD OFFICE, 67, Des Voeux Road, Central (DAVID HOUSE) on THURSDAY, March 14, 1929, at SIX O'CLOCK p.m.

BUSINESS:
ELECTIONS AND GENERAL.
W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1929.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 26th March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 25th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1929.

**FANLING HUNT
STEEPLECHASES.**

SUNDAY,
24th March.

Entries Close at Noon
16th March.

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FEWER CASES BUT MORE DEATHS

WEEKLY RETURN

The return of the Medical Officer of Health for the week ended March 9 shows a total of 37 cases—15 were from Victoria, 20 from Kowloon and two from Shaikwan. Deaths numbered 42.

The following table gives the weekly returns since November 3:

Week Ended	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	16
December 15	91	29
December 22	81	22
December 29	78	33
January 5	80	43
January 12	85	44
January 19	91	38
January 26	78	77
February 2	67	58
February 9	80	59
February 16	47	61
February 23	54	59
March 2	61	34
March 9	87	42

Total1,085 718

The return for the 24 hours ended March 11 shows ten further cases of small-pox, six from the city, one from Kowloon and the other three from Shaikwan.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Cheung Chau, Tuesday. The last member of the "Re-treat" party left on Monday afternoon. The weather all through was perfect and all agreed that the meetings reached a high level and that it was desirable to arrange for similar gatherings in the future.

With the exception of the subject "Character" which was led by Dr. E. Kirk, the subjects were introduced by the Rev. F. C. Young, of Union Church, followed by an interval of silence for meditation and then followed by discussion of the subjects. These proved very interesting, and, it is hoped, will lead to tangible results in various directions.

On Sunday morning a Communion service conducted by Rev. (Continued on Next Column.)

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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From
Shanghai.
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5.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese Music. (Victor Records supplied through the courtesy of Music World Co.)
7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.
8 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Victor Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.)
Gems from "Aida" (Verdi).
Victor Light Opera Company.
"Lyric Suite" (Greig).
Royal Albert Hall Orchestra.
1. Shepherd Boy.
2. Norwegian Rustic March.
3. Nocturne.
4. March of the Dwarfs.
"A Dream" (Corey-Bartlett).
"Humoresque" (Dvorak).
Organ Solo, Jesse Crawford.
"O! Man River" (From "Show Boat").
"Oh Lucindy".

The Reveliers.
"Hungarian Fantasia" (Liszt).
Arthur de Greef and The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra.
"The World is Waiting for the Sunrise".
"Rose in the Bud," Baritone, Reinhold Werrenrath.
"Jeannine I Dream of Lilac Time," King For A Day, Organ Solo, Jesse Crawford.
"My Sunshine" (E. di Capua).
"Santa Lucia" (Cottrau), Baritone, Emilio De Gorgora.
"Raymond" (Thomas), Overture, Victor Symphony Orchestra.
"Marina—Salida de Jorge" (Arrieta), Miguel Fleta.
"Suite Of Serenades" (Victor Herbert).
Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orchestra.

1. Spanish.
2. Chinese.
3. Cuban.
4. Oriental.
"Oh, Hall Of Song" (Wagner).
"The Dead City—Song Of The Lute," Soprano, Maria Jeritza.

"Ave Maria" (Schubert).
"Memories Of Schubert," Organ Solo, Lawrence J. Munson.
"Sonny Boy,"
"Jeannine I Dream of Lilac Time," Victor Salon Group.

"Sonny Boy,"
"She's Funny That Way," Tenor, Gene Austin.
"Dream Of Schubert," Medley, Waltz, Hungarian Rhapsody Orchestra.
10.10 p.m.—News Bulletin.
"Tannhauser" (Wagner), Overture, Albert Coates & The Symphony Orchestra.
"The Mastersingers of Nuremberg" (Wagner), Albert Coates & The Symphony Orchestra.
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

HOUSE PROPERTY

THREE CITY LOTS SOLD AT AUCTION

Four lots of house property were sold by Messrs. Lamert Bros. at public auction yesterday, after keen bidding, as follows:—
Nos. 99D, 99E, and 99F, Wellington-street, with an area of about 2,662 square feet: sold for \$162,000 to Mr. Lai Yue-kee.
No. 180, Wellington-street, with an area of 723 square feet: sold to Mr. Lai Yue-kee for \$52,500.
No. 360, Queen's-road Central and No. 47, Lower Lascar-row: sold to Mr. Lai Tat-san for \$74,000.
No. 1, Castle-road: sold to Mr. Lai Yue-kee for \$47,000.

CHILD SLAVERY

"TRUTH" ON THE MUI TSAI IN HONG KONG

MR. AMERY CRITICISED

"Truth," in its issue of February 18, has the following:—
Mr. Amery did not give satisfactory or even consistent replies to the series of questions about the continued toleration at Hong Kong of the system of child-slavery known as mui tsai. His attention was drawn to the statements lately noticed in "Truth" to the effect that the number of little girls sold into bondage is now larger than it was in 1923, when an ordinance was passed to put an end to the system. His answer was that he could not deal with those statements until he had requested the Governor to make on the working of the ordinance. If he had left it at that there would have been nothing more to say for the moment.
Without waiting for the report, however, Mr. Amery, in reply to supplementary questions, asserted that Mr. Churchill's pledge to the House of Commons in 1922 "was fulfilled." Mr. Churchill, at that time Secretary for the Colonies, promised in the most definite terms that the system should be abolished at the earliest practicable date, adding that he expected this to be within a year. In the face of all the evidence to the contrary, it is idle to pretend that the promise has been carried out, and Mr. Amery himself made some further remarks which probably forebadow official excuses for the failure to abolish mui tsai. He eagerly adopted a suggestion that "a considerable number of these girls" may have been included in a large influx of Chinese families into Hong Kong, and that it would be cruel to drive them out of the families in which they are living.
It was Mr. Amery who tried to justify mui tsai as a harmless Chinese custom of child-adoption before Mr. Churchill, having satisfied himself that it was an abominable system of child-slavery, ordered its abolition. It is to be hoped, however, that Parliament will insist upon the execution of the pledge given in 1922. As Lady Astor said, the fact that mui tsai has been recognised in China for thousands of years is no reason why it should be permitted in a British colony.

TENTH VICTIM

(Continued From Page 1.)

Both coffins were placed in one hearse, that of Mr. Robson being draped in a Union Jack. At the Monument, the cortege was headed by a firing party from the King's Own Scottish Borderers under the command of Regimental Sergeant-Major Parkinson, and Sergeant-Barham, of the K.O.S.B., piped the procession to the cemetery.
Members of the Scottish Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps walked on each side of the hearse. The Commandant of the Corps (Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E.), was represented by Capt. K. S. Morrison, Officer Commanding the Scottish Company, and Major Wolfe-Murray, Adjutant of the Corps.
The detachment of the Scottish Company taking part in the funeral was under the command of Lieut. Allister MacKenzie. Other officers of the Company were Lieut. Forsyth and Lieut. Duncan, and C.S.M. Brown and Sergeants Cuthill, Fletcher and Sanderson.
Walking immediately behind the hearse was Mr. E. A. S. Hayward, O.B.E., Naval Store Officer, in charge of the department in which the late Mr. Robson was employed. Following Mr. Hayward were Commander R. A. S. Hill, Commander Phillips, Engineer Captain W. H. Mitchell, Surg.-Lieut. Comdr. F. G. Hunt, and Engineer Lieut. Comdr. A. W. Chisholm-Batton.
In addition to a large number of employees of the Royal Naval Yard, others present included Messrs. S. R. Tickner, B. G. Quick, H. Barlow, T. L. Mathias, C. C. Telfer, W. J. Holt, A. J. W. Ashby, S. J. Heath, E. R. Robinson, C. J. Marsh, S. L. Mugridge, H. R. G. Beer, W. E. C. Bennett, F. H. Fosse, W. J. P. Bickford, H. W. M. Harrison, K. C. C. Sayer, F. Foale, S. M. Plegg, W. T. Hughes, G. E. Jones, W. E. Hollands, A. W. Bilas, J. Smith, G. T. May, F. Smith, J. H. Witchell, and numerous others.
Wreaths were sent by the following: "Fred"; Commodore R. A. S. Hill; Admiralty and Royal Dockyard Technical Officers Association; Staff, Royal Naval Armament Depot; Chief Engineer's Office Staff; Comprodes, H.M. Naval Yard; Civil Secretary and Cashier and Staff, H.M. Naval Yard; Directing and European Office Staff of the Naval Store Department; Civil Service Clerical Association; S.E.E. Department; All Ranks, Hong Kong Volunteers; Scottish Company, R.E.V.D.C.; Members of the Commander of Dockyard Department; Local Staff, Assistant Accountant's Office; Local

KOWLOON AFFAIRS

YAU MATI MENACE TO HEALTH
BUS SERVICES DISCUSSED

The newly elected committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association held its first monthly meeting in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Monday evening. The chair was taken by Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E., President.
The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Chairman welcomed the following new members to the Committee: Captain Riggs, Messrs. W. J. Brown, Lai Im-to, E. Tregillus, and W. Goldenberg.
Arising out of the minutes the Chairman mentioned that the Yau mati shelter wall had now been cleared of the insanitary squatters who had previously made the place a menace to public health and a hotbed of disease, the old and infirm people affected having been absorbed by the various Chinese charitable organisations. It was decided that the time was now opportune to approach the Government with a view to turning the wall into a promenade for the provision of fresh air in such a thickly populated locality.

Sub Committees
The following sub-committees were then appointed.

Correspondence.—The President, Vice President and Hon. Secretary.
Bathing Facilities.—Capt. Riggs, Messrs. E. Tregillus and F. Stapleton.
Children's Playground.—Messrs. W. J. Brown, B. W. Tape and J. M. Alves.

"Star" Ferry Approach.—Messrs. F. Easterbrook, E. Cock and B. Wylie.
Messrs. F. Mow Fung and F. Stapleton were appointed to represent the Association on the Committee of the New Territories Agricultural Show and Capt. T. Laurens on the Committee of the S.P.C.A.

Yau mati Bus Service
Letters and plans pointing out that residents of Hunghom and Kowloon City at present had to walk from the junction of Nathan and Gascoigne Roads to reach the Yau mati Ferry, which was their only available ferry service after 6.20 p.m. were placed before the meeting.

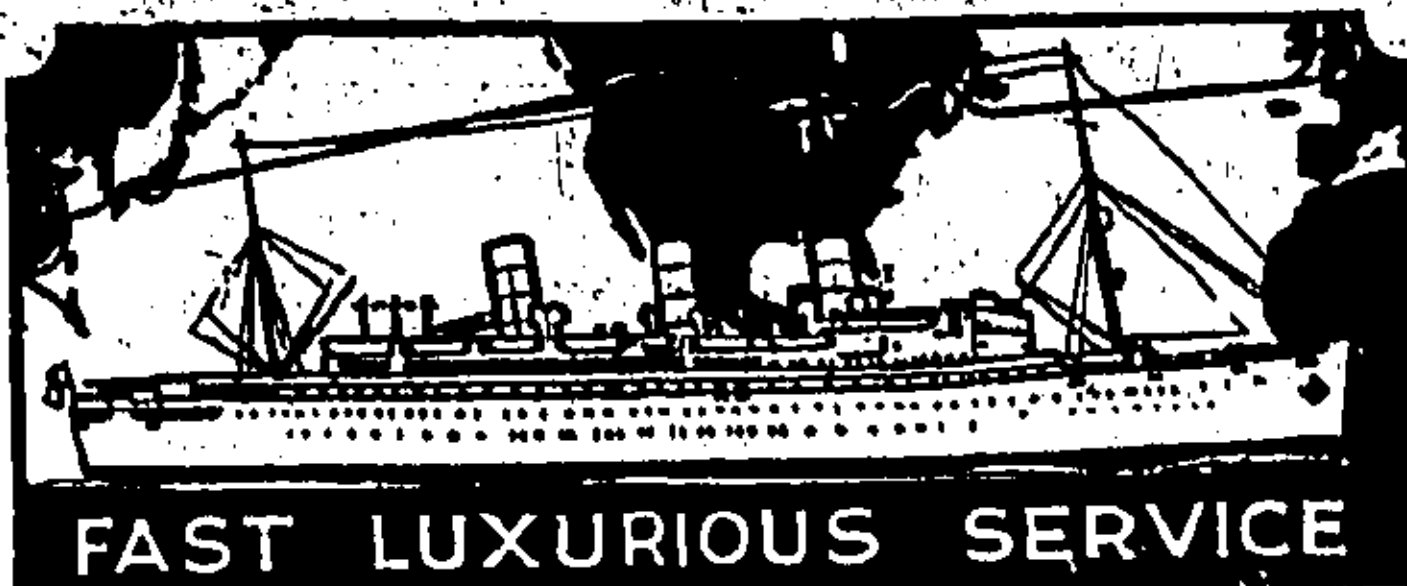
It was decided to request the C.S.P. to arrange for Bus Route No. 4 to be extended so as to serve the Yau mati Ferry Wharf.

"Star" Ferry Approach
The proposal of the authorities to utilise the levelled-off "island" outside the "Star" Ferry as a parking place for buses was discussed and plans of the proposal were passed to the sub-committee, with a request that they report thereon at the next meeting.

Other matters including the speeding of motor cycles in Hung-hay's Avenue, the condition of the footpath in Hanoi Road, and the turnstiles at the Star Ferry Wharf were discussed and left in the hands of the Correspondence Committee.

Clerical Staff, Naval Store Office; Store Keeping Staff, Naval Store Department; H.K.V.D.C. Canteen, and many others.

Chinese "Boy" Buried
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KARMALA	9,128	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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*KANDHORE	5,334	30th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
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Captain G. A. Evans, of the "Chungking," is on reserve.
Captain S. M. Barling, from reserve, has gone master, "Chungking."

Mr. R. Curnow, extra second officer, "Shengking," has gone second officer, "Ngankin."

Mr. E. J. Thomas, second officer, "Ngankin," has gone extra second officer, "Shengking."

Mr. N. Pounder, chief officer, "Tungchow," is on Home leave.

Mr. W. B. Paul, chief officer, "Wanhsien," has gone chief officer, "Tungchow."

Mr. G. P. Cope, chief officer, "Shansi," is on reserve.

Captain G. Morse, China Navigation Co., is on Home leave.

Captain J. Pringle, China Navigation Co., is on Home leave.

Mr. E. S. Conell, second officer, "Anking," has gone second officer, "Kwangtung."

Mr. J. W. Evans, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Anking."

Mr. J. C. Bartley, second officer, "Kwangtung," has gone second officer, "Chengku."

Mr. H. S. McComb has been appointed third engineer officer, "Poyang."

Mr. J. W. Anderson, second engineer officer, "Poyang," is on Home leave.

Mr. W. Wishart, chief engineer officer, "Ichang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. A. Anderson, second engineer officer, "Tungchow," has gone chief engineer officer, "Ichang."

Mr. J. F. Toney, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, "Wantung."

Mr. P. A. Mithland, extra chief engineer officer, "Hsin Peking," is on Home leave.

Mr. H. Maidment, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, "Shengking."

Mr. W. W. Brown, extra chief engineer officer, "Luchow," has gone extra chief engineer officer, "Shengking."

Mr. P. Studdholme, third officer, "Kutsang," has gone extra second officer, "Yusang."

Mr. P. H. Vanette, extra second officer, "Kutwo," has gone second officer, "Mingsang."

Mr. J. B. Robson, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, "Hop-sang."

Mr. C. C. Warren, chief officer, "Hop-sang," has gone chief officer, "Kumsang."

Mr. R. E. Holden, chief officer, "Leesang," is on reserve.

Mr. D. J. E. Robertson has been appointed extra third engineer officer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. A. W. Best, chief officer, "Charles Hardouin," has gone master, "Sanning."

Captain E. P. Smith, of the "Sanning," has gone master, "Tin Yat."

Mr. T. Ogier, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Taishan."

Mr. S. J. Carter, second officer, "Taishan," has gone acting chief officer, "Kinsan."

Mr. D. Bousfield, chief officer, "On Lee," has gone acting master, "Talle."

Captain E. Midgley, of the "Talle," is on reserve.

Captain T. A. Lupton, from reserve, has gone master, "Chin Kwang."

Mr. E. Jacob, chief officer, "Shu Kwang," has gone chief officer, "Chin Kwang."

Captain W. Sudbury, of the "Chin Kwang," is on reserve.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. & O. s.s. "Morea" from Hong Kong arrived London on March 9 at 1 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nagore" left Singapore for this port on March 5 at noon, and is due here on March 13 at about daylight.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Kobe on March 12 (Tues.) at 8 a.m., left Kobe on March 12 (Tues.) at 8 a.m., and is due at Yokohama on March 13 (Wed.) at 2 p.m. She leaves Yokohama on March 14 (Thurs.) at 3 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left Shanghai for this port on March 12 at 5 p.m., and is due here on March 15 at about 5 a.m.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers, under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:—

Arrivals at Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Delhi" from Europe, March 27.

S.S. "City of Khios" from New York via Suez, March 28.

The s.s. "City of Glasgow" from Europe, April 17.

The s.s. "Glenbank" from New York via Panama, April 22.

The s.s. "Comblombank" from New York via Panama, April 23.

The s.s. "City of Newcastle" from New York via Suez, May 1.

Departures from Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Delhi" for Shanghai and Japan, March 19.

The s.s. "City of Dunkirk" for Manila and U.S.A., March 18.

The s.s. "City of Khios" for Manila and U.S.A., March 23.

The s.s. "City of Khios" for Singapore and Europe, April 8.

The s.s. "City of Glasgow" for Shanghai and Japan, April 18.

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T'au via S'ow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Sun, 24th Mar. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Wed, 27th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Moji	FOOKSANG	Sun, 17th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Sat, 23rd Mar. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Sat, 16th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Fri, 22nd Mar. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINGSANG	Sun, 17th Mar. at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri, 5th Apr. at 3 p.m.
Yokohama	CHIPSING	Thurs, 14th Mar. at 5 p.m.
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Swave and handsome Lew Cody, famous movie star, is the latest film notable to take to his bed before the onslaught of the flu epidemic. Cody, who, in private life, is the husband of Mabel Normand, was stricken while on a business visit to New York.

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The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

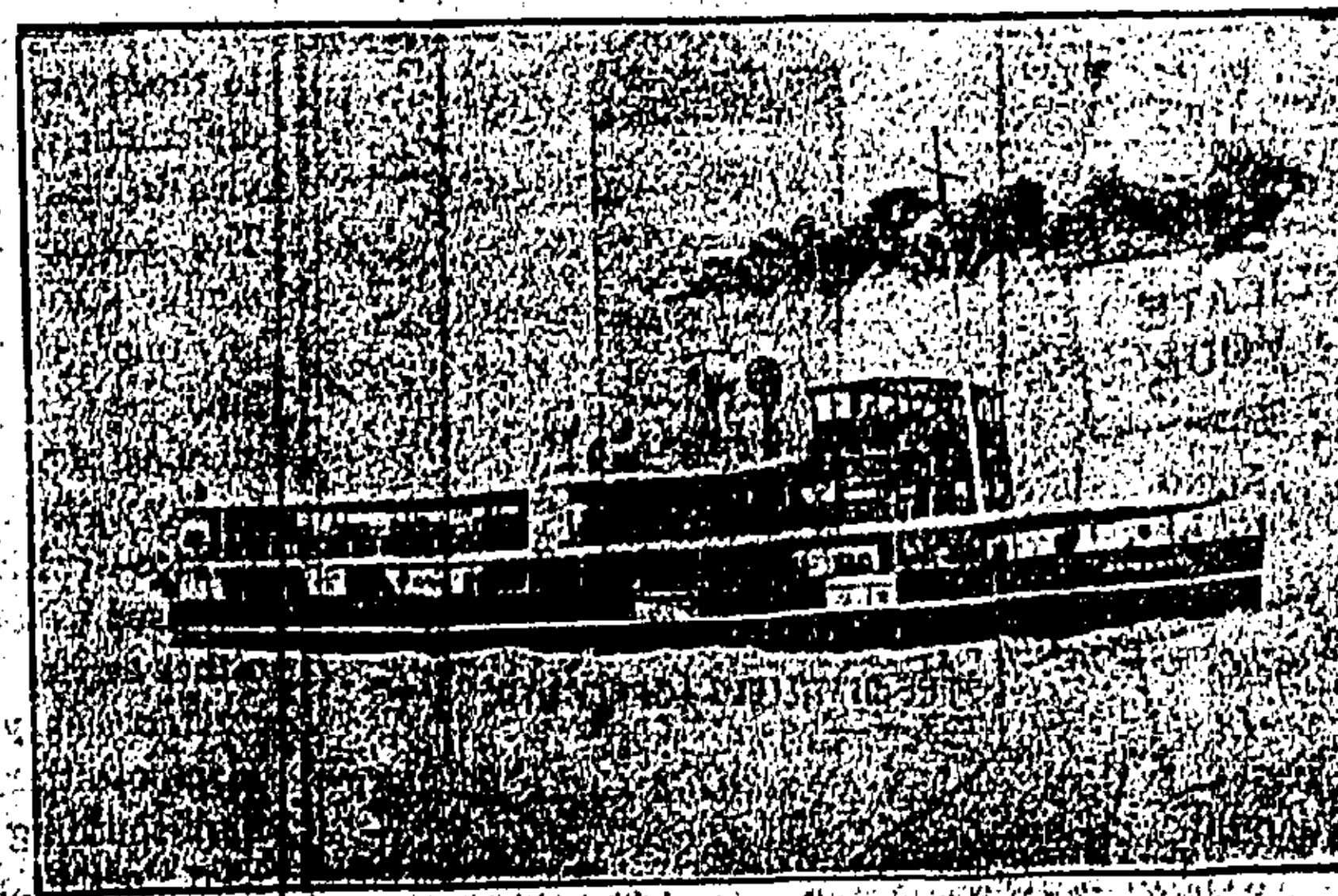
Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Standard Time	Ht.	Standard Time	Ht.
Fri. 8	9 24	4.4	3 23	1.4
Sat. 9	8 58	4.3	2 54	1.0
Sun. 10	8 30	4.2	2 24	0.6
Mon. 11	8 00	4.1	1 54	0.2
Tues. 12	7 30	4.0	1 24	0.0
Wed. 13	7 00	3.9	1 00	0.0
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MARRIAGE

FOX—EDWARDSON.—On March
7, at Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Shanghai, Godfrey Livingstone
son of Mr. Charles Bennett Fox
of Brisbane, Queensland, to
Ella, daughter of late Mr.
Thomas Edwardson of Hale-
bank, Lancs., England.

DEATH

MARKS.—On March 8, at the
Country Hospital, Shanghai,
(of pneumonia) Samuel Marks,
the beloved husband of Cathie
Marks, Traffic Supt., Shanghai
Electric Construction Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Mar. 13, 1929.

SIR SIDNEY BARTON'S APPOINTMENT

The appointment, announced
yesterday, of Sir Sidney Barton,
His Majesty's Consul-General at
Shanghai, to the post of British
Minister at Addis Ababa, Abys-
sinia, will come as a big surprise
to those familiar with the British
diplomatic and the consular ser-
vice in this part of the world.
The appointment is surprising
simply because here it is prac-
tically unprecedented; at any rate, it
must be very many years since a
member of the diplomatic service
to say nothing of the consular
service—(which is generally re-
cognised as being inferior)—left
either service to become an Envoy
Extraordinary and Minister
Plenipotentiary, which is the
high-sounding title given to those
who are known for short as
Ministers. We must hasten to
state that even though Sir Sidney
Barton's professional career has
been entirely spent in China,
where it has extended over a
period of thirty-four years, we
have not the slightest doubt but
that he will act just as ably
in Abyssinia as he

has done in China. As
a Minister of the Crown he is still
comparatively youthful, being
merely fifty-two years old, and we
may, therefore, conclude that he
has quite a number of years of
useful official life before him and
that, after Addis Ababa, he may
yet be heard of in one or other of
the better known Chancelleries,
not of Ethiopia, but of Europe.

Yesterday, in announcing the
appointment, we gave details of
Sir Sidney Barton's career,
which indeed has been steadily
successful. Ever since he joined
His Majesty's Consular service in
China in 1895, he has progressed
steadily until he reached what is
regarded as the "plum" of the
Consular Service in China, name-
ly, the Consul-Generalship at
Shanghai—a post that invariably
brings a knighthood to its occu-
pant. On the death of Sir Everard
Fraser in 1922 there was a good
deal of talk as to who should suc-
ceed him and there was not a
little animadversion when it was
known that the new Shanghai
Consul-General would be selected
from one of the Legation staff.
The action probably was not un-
precedented, though a similar ap-
pointment had not been made for
very many years. Had it not been
that Mr. Barton (as he then was)
was very well-known in Shanghai
and his excellent business and
personal qualities much admired
by the British commercial men of
the northern port, the appoint-
ment would not have been in any
respect popular. But the newly-
appointed Consul-General had
previously occupied official posts
in Shanghai and, as stated, had
created a very favourable impres-
sion.

Notwithstanding this, there
was undoubtedly some heartburn-
ing among certain of the officials
in the Treaty Ports as it had been
hoped—and with good reason—
that the appointment would be
filled from the Hankow, Tientsin,
Canton or some other of the im-
portant consulates. And now
from a Consul-Generalship on the
China coast, Sir Sidney Barton
goes to Abyssinia as a Minister of
the Crown. Such a change has
not been unknown in other parts
of the world in the British For-
eign Office service and it has
proved quite successful on more
than one occasion. All therefore,
who know of the good work done
by Sir Sidney Barton while ser-
ving His Majesty in China, will re-
joice to hear of his appointment
and promotion and wish him the
best of luck in his new sphere.

The new Protestantism believes
that truth is absolute and that
God is unchanging. What is ac-
cepts the necessity of growth
and change in our beliefs. It

holds that revelation is constant
and progressive, and that all
new knowledge has a bearing
upon religion and morality.—
Dean Inge in the "Evening Stan-
dard" (London).

A European residence at Taipo
is advertised by the Government
for sale.

A concert will be held in St.
Patrick's Hall on Sunday (St.
Patrick's Day) at 9 p.m.

The yearly meeting of share-
holders in the Hong Kong and
Whampoa Dock Co., Limited, will
be held on March 27.

A lot of Crown land at Sham-
shui-po is to be sold by auction on
March 18 at the offices of the
P.W.D. Particulars are adverti-
sed elsewhere in this issue.

The forthcoming marriage is
announced of Mr. C. E. Sherwin,
solicitor, of Hankow, to Miss
R. R. Hill, of Evercreek, England,
who is coming out to Hong Kong.

Yesterday Mr. E. W. Hamilton
committed for trial at the next
Criminal Sessions, four of six
Chinese charged with having been
concerned in the recent armed
robbery at No. 73, High-street.
The other two accused, a man and
a woman, were discharged.

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The weekly health return shows
that there were three Chinese
cases of diphtheria, from which
there were two deaths. Of the
seven cases of enteric fever re-
ported one was British, another
Indian, and the other five Chinese.
There were three deaths from this
disease.

That the parties were discuss-
ing a settlement was the report
made by Mr. J. M. d'Almada
Remedios to Mr. T. S. Whyte-
Smith, at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy, yesterday, in connection
with the case in which a Chinese
woman is summoning her hus-
band for maintenance. His Wor-
ship gave another remand.

At the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday, Mr. T. S. Whyte-
Smith had before him six Chinese
men charged with having been
concerned with the murder of the
gardener-caretaker of "Eli" Cot-
tage, an empty house in old Kow-
loon Tong. A week's remand was
given on the application of the
Police.

A Latvian named Edward
Jerums was this morning charged
at the Central Magistracy, with
vagrancy. Sub-Inspector Elston
said that the defendant was found
begging at the Star Ferry wharf.
The Police had information that
the man had deserted from a Ger-
man ship, which was in port a
couple of days ago. He asked for
a remand for 48 hours for inves-
tigation to be made. Defendant
was remanded in custody.

At the Central Magistracy
yesterday, Major C. Willson,
O.B.E., dismissed the summons
against Mr. C. R. Wilson of the
Hong Kong Electric Co. for the
alleged disobeying of the traffic
light signal at the junction of
Queen's-road East and Arsenal-
street on February 25. The de-
fence was that the switch was de-
fective and the light went on and
off unknown to the pointman on
duty. Mr. A. E. Clarke, a senior
Inspector of Works at the E.W.C.,
stated that on two occasions he
had his attention drawn to defects
occurring to the light signal. His
Worship accepted the defendant's
plea and discharged him.

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

AMALGAMATION WITH THE
C.M.A.

ANNUAL MEETING

The chief business at the an-
nual general meeting of the
Victoria Diocesan Association,
which was held yesterday in the
Cathedral Hall was the confirma-
tion of the proposed amalga-
mation of the V.D.A. and the Church
Missionary Association.

The Right Reverend the Bishop
of Victoria was in the chair, sup-
ported by Mrs. Black and the
Rev. N. V. Halward (Joint Hon.
Secretaries). Lieut. Col. T. A.
Robertson (Hon. Treasurer), the
Dean of St. John's Cathedral, and
Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

The Rev. N. V. Halward pro-
posed the adoption of the annual
report touched on several points
of interest and asked for a special
vote of thanks for Mrs. Hyman for
her splendid work in connection
with the Christmas Gift Fund. A
vote of thanks to Mrs. Wolfe,
Colonel Robertson, the Rev. N. V.
Halward, and Mr. Cassidy was
then proposed by the Bishop.

CORRESPONDENCE

METAPHYSICAL QUACKERY

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Dear Sir,—I have extracted the
following from the "Christian
Science Watchman" as an an-
swer to Mr. Adler's letter which
appeared in your paper yester-
day:—

The reply, in the public Press,
of Orwell Bradly Towne,
Christian Science Committee on
Publication for New York, rela-
tive to the decease, under "Chris-
tian Science" treatment, of
Walter J. Kline of Lockport, N. Y.,
only emphasises a deadly public
danger. The failure of the treat-
ment and the tragic death of Mr.
Kline is excused by its compari-
son with a similar failure under
medical treatment and a remind-
er that the patient had the right
to choose the kind of treatment
he wanted. Mr. Towne evades the
vital point that the method ac-
cepted in good faith by Mr. Kline
was not the method of legitimate
Christian Science according to the
later practice of Mrs. Eddy, and
as required by her By-laws in the
period of her leadership.

Under the heading "Duty to
Patients," she authorized a prac-
titioner who "has a patient whom
he does not heal" to "consult with
an M.D. on the anatomy involv-
ed." This was not to be regarded
as a failure, but as "the privilege
of a Christian Scientist" (Man.
47:5).

In her own case, Mrs. Eddy had
recourse to morphine and the aid
of doctors during the latter years
of her life. Every effort on the
part of individuals and the Press
to secure a denial of this fact by
the "Mother Church" Directors in
Boston, has failed, but the fact
rests upon irrefutable evidence,
documentary and otherwise.

Christian Scientists, "abreast
of the times," do not go back to
reliance on medical means alone,
but add to the doctors' best en-
deavours the metaphysical treat-
ment demonstrably proved effec-
tive on an experimental scale in
the first period of Christian
Science. The unfortunate at-
tempt to remain stationary in
that experimental stage of prac-
tice—necessary only to provide
the actual proof of mental power
to heal—has placed the practition-
ers of the Boston organisation in
direct conflict both with Mrs.
Eddy's own experience and with
her later teaching, and has there-
fore placed them in the ranks of
quacks.

Yours, etc.,
FAIRPLAY V.

The report and accounts were
unanimously adopted.

Amalgamation Resolutions
The resolutions as proposed by
the Rev. W. Walton Rogers were
as follows:—

That this annual meeting ap-
proves of the amalgamation of
the Church Missionary Associa-
tion and the Victoria Diocesan
Association into a single organ-
isation to be known as "The Vic-
toria, Diocesan and Missionary
Association."

That a meeting to organise the
Victoria Diocesan and Missionary
Association is to be held on Tues-
day, April 3, at the time fixed for
the Victoria Diocesan Association
"At Home."

That this annual meeting pro-
visionally approves of the draft
constitution of the Victoria
Diocesan and Missionary Associa-
tion.

That the existing Victoria
Diocesan Association, Council and
Standing Committee continue to
function for the time being until
the new organisation is initiated.
Professor Forster seconded the
resolutions.

Bishop's Points
The Bishop of Victoria, the
Rev. C. R. Duppuy, addressed the
meeting on the following
points:—

1.—That the Church Missionary
Association and the Victoria
Diocesan Association are organ-
isations of proved worth.

2.—That having weighed as
well as I can all the facts of the
case, I am in favour of the pro-
posed amalgamation.

3.—That the proposed new
Association, the Victoria Diocesan
and Missionary Association, has
before it great possibilities of use-
fulness both as (a) a valuable ad-
junct to the Church of England
Diocesan Conference, with which
I hope there will always be the
closest possible liaison, and (b) as
an association with its own life,
the aim of which is to help the
Diocese as a whole with a distinct
link both with the Chinese as well
as the English Church in the
Diocese.

After the resolutions had been
adopted, Mr. P. C. Cassidy pro-
posed a vote of thanks to the
Bishop on whose shoulders, he
said, a very heavy burden had
fallen both with regard to that
amalgamation which they had
just passed and the pay consti-
tution of the Church. The Rev. P.
Cassidy then proposed a vote of
thanks to the Bishop.

DOCTOR'S FEES

HUSBAND'S AUTHORITY TO WIFE

OLD FRIENDS AT LAW

In the Supreme Court (Sum-
mary Jurisdiction) to-day, before
Mr. Justice Wood, Dr. F. M.
Gracia-Ozorio brought an action
against Frank J. V. Jorge, of 21,
Jordan-road, for the recovery of
\$250 in respect of work done and
professional services.

According to Mr. Remedios,
who appeared for Dr. Ozorio, the
latter attended defendant's
daughter, on June 25, 1928, and,
on finding that she was suffering
from appendicitis, he decided on
an operation. This should have
been performed next day but un-
fortunately the doctor's wife died
on that morning. The operation,
was, therefore, successfully per-
formed at St. Paul's Hospital.
The sheriff had called monthly at
the defendant's premises for pay-
ment; Mrs. Jorge had told him
that the money would be paid at
the doctor's office but no pay-
ment had ever been received.

Dr. Ozorio gave evidence in
support of the foregoing state-
ment.

The doctor, cross-examined by
Mr. d'Almada, deposed that he
and the defendant were friends
six years ago when they ceased
to be friendly. He had formerly
employed Mr. Jorge as a broker
and in 1924 had paid him some-
thing less than his debts under a
deed of composition.

Defendant stated that he had
had nothing to do with the doctor
since the 1924 stock exchange
transactions. He knew on the
evening of June 25 that the doc-
tor had been engaged by Mrs.
Jorge but he did not interfere
as he had no choice in the mat-
ter. He denied that he had given
authority to his wife to engage
the doctor.

In reply to Mr. Remedios, de-
fendant said that he knew the
operation was necessary, but he
made no protest against the em-
ployment of Dr. Ozorio.

By the Court: He had never
given notice to anyone that he
was not responsible for his wife's
contracts.

Mr. Remedios argued that the
operation was a necessary in law
and nothing had been brought
forward to rebut the presump-
tion that a wife was able to pledge
her husband's credit in such a
matter.

Mr. d'Almada contended that
there was no such presumption in
the present case as defendant had
no means whatever, he living on
his wife's income. He was not on
speaking terms with the doctor
and he would never have agreed
to his employment had he been
told by his wife.

His Lordship held that there
was no doubt that at all material
times the doctor was looking to
defendant for payment. That
being so, there was nothing to
suggest to the doctor that he was
wrong in doing so. He was satis-
fied that defendant gave his wife
authority; otherwise, the
straightforward course for him to
have taken would have been to
deny that authority.

Judgment was entered for the
doctor with costs.

"TEA FOR THREE"

GOOD FUN IN COMEDY AT
THE QUEEN'S

SAM KU WEST PLEASES

"Tea for Three" proved very
entertaining at the Queen's The-
atre yesterday with bits of good
fun borrowed from musical
comedy and poignant situations
following one another closely.
The story concerns a wife and a
husband jealous of the attentions
paid by his best friend, a bache-
lor. The friend takes unto him-
self the role of curing the husband
of his jealousy and developments
work up to a crisis.

Sam Ku West, the Hawaiian
musician, drew prolonged
applause with his "Harmony Boys."
They gave a variety of songs and
pieces and Sam Ku West played
"The Volga Boatman" on the
harp. Adds Kawakami, Japanese
dancer, appeared in a minuet and
a Spanish dance.

\$10,000 EXCHANGE

DECISION GIVEN AGAINST
THE BANK

His Honour the Chief Justice
(Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E.) gave
judgment, with costs, for de-
fendants yesterday, after several
days' hearing, in the Banque
Industrielle de Chine v. Tuen Kee
Hong action in original jurisdic-
tion at the Supreme Court.

Plaintiffs claimed \$11,554.78
plus interest as damages for
breach of contract dated February
22, 1921, for delivery of \$10,000 in
London at the rate of 2s. 6.1/8d.
telegraphic transfer during July,
1921. The bank refused to deliver
the money and during the trial
was the closure of the bank's door
in Hong Kong on July 2, 1921.

SHAMEEN COUNCIL

Proceedings At Ratepayers' Meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

The following copy of the minutes of the annual general meeting of ratepayers of the British Concession, Shameen, held at H.B.M. Consulate-General on February 28 has been sent to us for publication:—

Present:—	Votes
Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S.C.) Ltd.	3
Batchelor, R. K.	1
British Consul-General	9
British Consul-General (Anglican Church Trustee)	1
British Consul-General (Russian Consulate)	2
British Vice-Consul (Senior)	1
British Vice-Consul (Junior)	1
British Vice-Consul (Local)	1
Canton Club Trustees	3
Canton Swimming Bath Club	1
Chartered Bank of I. A. & China	2
China Navigation Co., Ltd.	2
Chinese Maritime Customs	10
Davenport, D. E. C. (c/o Dr. W. G. Reynolds)	1
Deacon & Co., Ltd.	1
Deacon & Co., Ltd., for H. Dent & Co., Ltd.	1
Deacon Estate Co.	1
Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	2
Farmer, Wm.	2
Gandossi, F.	1
Gerin, Drevard & Co.	2
Griffith, T. E.	2
Griffith, Ltd., T. E.	6
Hoffmeister, A.	1
Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	4
Hunt, Comd. R. G. M. D., D.S.O., R.N.	1
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	5
Loxley & Co., W. R.	2
Marsh-Browne, Ronald (c/o Deacon & Co.)	1
Mehta, M. N.	2
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd.	3
Mogra, E. R., and Vasunia, F. P.	2
National City Bank of New York, Ltd.	2
Official Mesuror	1
Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd.	1
Reynolds, Dr. W. Graham	1
Shameen Municipal Council	2
Shewan, R. G.	2
Shewan, Tomes & Co.	1
Spalinger, U.	1
Staff Buildings, Ltd. (A. P. Co., Ltd.)	3
Watson, Chas. E.	1
Watson & Co., Ltd., A. S.	4
Total	98

Chairman Appointed

Mr. Batchelor:—I understand the necessary quorum is present, but unfortunately the convenor, Mr. Brennan, is unable to take the meeting on account of sickness and in the terms of the Land Regulations, the general meeting is convened by him, but the Land Regulations do not state who should take the chair at the annual meeting except that it is understood that the Consul-General does so. Two paragraphs further on in the Land Regulations for special meetings, however, it is stated that at special meetings H.B.M. Consul-General shall preside and in his absence ratepayers must elect one of their own members to take the Chair. I presume that we shall be in order in electing our own Chairman and I should like to propose Mr. Annett who as a past Chairman of the Council should take the Chair for this evening.

Mr. Bowker:—I have much pleasure in seconding it.

Mr. Batchelor:—Any one else, gentlemen? If not I put it to the meeting.—Carried.

Mr. Annett:—Thank very much.

Mr. Annett:—Well, gentlemen, I understand we have a quorum present, and I will therefore ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

Mr. Stockley:—In terms of Article Three of the Shameen Land Regulations the undersigned hereby convenes the annual general meeting of ratepayers for 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 1929, at H.B.M. Consulate-General.

- Agenda:—
1. To confirm the minutes of the last annual general meeting of ratepayers held February 28, 1928.
 2. To pass the report and accounts for 1928.
 3. To pass the Budget Estimates for 1929.
 4. To elect not more than five duly qualified ratepayers to serve on the Council for 1929.
 5. To transact any other business regularly brought before the meeting.

J. F. Brennan, Acting British Consul-General. Mr. Annett:—The first business of the meeting is to confirm the minutes of the last annual general meeting of ratepayers held on February 28, 1928. I believe these minutes were published in the Hong Kong paper and with your permission I will take them as read. I would ask somebody to second that.

Mr. Spalinger:—I shall be pleased to second it.

Mr. Annett:—It is proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Spalinger that the minutes of the last annual general meeting of ratepayers held on February 29, 1928, be confirmed. All those in favour?—Carried.

Mr. Annett:—The next item is to pass the report and accounts for 1928 and I would call on the Chairman of the Council to address you on the subject:—

Chairman's Address

Mr. Batchelor:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, the Municipal report and accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period and need, I think, but little comment from me. Since our last meeting I am glad to say, the period under review has been free from political strife, with the result that better conditions in the city have re-acted on Shameen. I am glad to be able to report that the most cordial relations have existed between your Council and the Chinese Authorities, and as usual the Police Authorities have acted at all times in close conjunction with the Council and Captain Clements. The Police Force has worked satisfactorily during the whole year, and although at one time Captain Clements was short-handed through several of the Indian Constables being found medically unfit and repatriated to India, new recruits have now been enrolled, and the strength maintained. Captain Clements, as you doubtless know, in terms of his contract has been granted leave as from March 1 and through the kind offices of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.S.P., Hong Kong, we have been lent the services of Sub-Inspector Pain of the Hong Kong Police. When submitting the Budget Estimates for 1929 I shall be referring to this matter again, and would now take this opportunity of expressing to Mr. Wolfe the grateful thanks of the Council and ratepayers for his kindly assistance rendered at all times. The co-operation of the Hong Kong Police has saved ratepayers in the past a great deal of money, and a letter to Mr. Wolfe expressing the thanks of this meeting would, I think, be appropriate.

Fire Brigade
The Fire Brigade has been maintained in an efficient manner throughout the year and regular drills carried out. At the last annual meeting I referred to the gear and pointed out that the time was not far distant when further supplies of hose would be necessary. That time has now come, but as this forms the subject of Resolution No. 3, I will return to this matter then.

I would now refer to the boat-house. Ratepayers will remember that the Council was requested at the last annual meeting to go into the whole question, firstly of repairs to the existing boat-house, and secondly new premises.

Your Council has gone very thoroughly into this question and in Resolution No. 4 will ask you to vote in favour of handing the entire premises over to the Canton Rowing Club. The building was surveyed at the beginning of the Municipal year and found to require extensive repairs out of all proportion to the revenue of \$360 per annum derived therefrom. In view of the fact that the building was originally built in 1907 at the expense of ratepayers, and that the value has year by year been written off, the books, the Council recommends giving the present premises to the Club. If ratepayers, however, do not agree, it is estimated that repairs will amount to approximately \$3,000. The alternative scheme was to remove the present premises to another site—but there are many difficulties to be faced, and the Council cannot recommend it.

Waterworks
Referring to Public Works in general and the waterworks in particular, I am glad to be able to report that this department has carried through its work efficiently whilst the roads, jetties and cemetery have all benefited by its attention. The Water Works have again occasioned some anxiety, and you will note that the consumption of water shows a slight increase over the previous year. Sales increased considerably, resulting longer hours of pumping and increased water sales. If you will refer to the waterworks account, you will see that an amount of \$2,000 was debited to this account to cover part pay-

ment of the pump just completed under the Municipal Jetty. During the early part of 1928 it became evident that something had to be done at the intake part of the works. The Medical Officer of Health had on several occasions warned the Council that the water although good for consumption was not up to its previous high standard, whilst the works themselves were finding it difficult to keep the tank full on account of the amount of mud sucked up. The present pump was constructed after we received the valuable advice of Major Olivercrona and the engineering department of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. of Hong Kong. I should like to express the Council's thanks to these gentlemen for their kindly assistance. Since the end of the municipal year, the pump has been completed, and it now requires time to see whether our troubles are overcome. I might add that the present scheme was the cheapest one that could have been constructed and one which took the least time to carry out. I trust you will have approved the Council's decision in the matter.

Nursing Home
I would now like to refer to the Shameen Nursing Home. Last year at the annual meeting you approved of the renting of certain rooms in the Victoria Hotel instead of the larger scheme originally proposed for the Hong Kong Bank Building. The Home under the able administration of Dr. W. G. Reynolds has proved a great boon to the community and still does not cost ratepayers as much as the wards in the Canton Hospital did in former years. During 1928 the expenditure was higher than anticipated in view of the purchase of certain necessary equipment, but these purchases will not be annual.

Space in the Nursing Home is, however, somewhat limited, with the result that Resolution No. 2 will shortly be brought forward requesting permission to rent an additional two rooms. This additional space should meet all demands on the Home, whilst the cost will not materially add to the rates. The Medical Officer of Health in his report states that he considers the daily charge might be raised to come into line with similar institutions in other parts. In view, however, of the fact that ratepayers already pay for the upkeep of the Nursing Home it is not intended to ask ratepayers to pay higher charges than those in force to-day. It is suggested that non-ratepayers should pay \$7.00 a day, as against the charge of \$5.00 per day for ratepayers, whilst a fixed tariff covering all charges has been drawn up and may be seen on application.

Overdraft Reduced
In regard to the accounts, I hope you will agree that they are satisfactory. The accounts themselves do not call for any comment, but I would take the opportunity of informing you that the overdraft with the Hong Kong Bank was reduced by \$11,276.57 after having paid \$2,000 from Waterworks Running Expenses towards the cost of the new pump.

I now have pleasure in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented by the Council for 1928 and would ask some ratepayer to be good enough to second the resolution, after which I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

Mr. Farmer:—Mr. Chairman, I have pleasure in seconding.

Mr. Annett:—Before putting the resolution to the meeting I would ask those who have any questions or comments to make to be good enough to do so.

If there are no questions, Gentlemen, I think I would like to propose a vote of thanks to the Council for their very excellent report and able administration during the year. They worked very hard and they deserve the ratepayers' thanks.

I will put the resolution to the meeting. It is proposed by the Chairman of the Council, and seconded by Mr. Farmer that the report and accounts for 1928 be passed. Will all those in favour please signify in the usual manner?—Carried.

Budget Estimates
Mr. Annett:—The next business is to pass the Budget Estimates for 1929 and I will ask the Chairman of the Council to propose them.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

1929-1930.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the R.N. HOSPITAL, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1929, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions, and necessities for the year ending 31st March, 1930.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital. The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

WM. W. KEIR, Surgeon Captain, R.N. R.N. Hospital, Hong Kong, 18th March, 1929.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, 1929, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 26th March, 1929 (both days inclusive). By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER, Chief Manager. Hong Kong, 13th March, 1929.

WANTED

WANTED.—On or about the 21st, English woman as nurse to child of two in return for passage home. Apply Box No. 590, c/o "China Mail."

In a fire which broke out in Chungqua Road, Nantao, Shanghai, early on a recent Sunday morning, a furniture shop was totally destroyed and two children were burnt to death. Another child was saved by the Nantao Fire Brigade. Several other shops were involved, but escaped with slight damage.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 16th

AND

SUNDAY, MARCH 17th.

TALENTED DANCE ORCHESTRA

FROM

U. S. S. "PITTSBURGH" (14, VERSATILE ARTISTS).

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre: Tea for Three; also Sam Ku West and his Paradise Harmony Boys.

To-day—World Theatre: "Stranded in Paris."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Firemen Save My Child."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "A Certain Young Man."

Luncheon Auctions

Mar. 14, 15, 16—At 3, Bowen Road, a part of Mrs. C. Montague's valuable household furniture, from 11 a.m.

Mar. 18—At 25, The Peak, Bishop Lodge, valuable household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Land Sales

Mar. 18—At P.W.D. offices, two lots of Crown Land at Shamshui, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Mar. 19—Sports

Mar. 19—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C.'s Marathon Race, 8 p.m.

Mar. 20—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C.'s Marathon Race, 8 p.m.

Mar. 21—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C.'s Marathon Race, 8 p.m.

Mar. 22—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C.'s Marathon Race, 8 p.m.

Mar. 23—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C.'s Marathon Race, 8 p.m.

Mar. 24—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C.'s Marathon Race, 8 p.m.

Mar. 25—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C.'s Marathon Race, 8 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Boundary Measurements	Area	Approx. Value
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Boundary Measurements	Area	Approx. Value
1	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$1,000
2	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$1,000
3	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$1,000
4	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$1,000
5	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$1,000
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8	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$1,000
9	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$1,000
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made against the office staff of the company which in fairness to all concerned call for investigation.

These charges consist of rank incivility and rudeness towards customers, and the preferential treatment, both in the way of prices and deliveries, of one set of customers as against all others. I hold here in my hand a cheque in favour of this company from a Chinese business firm calling for the delivery of 170 bags of cement which had been verbally promised to that firm by the company's 'compradore' at the current price of the day.

This cheque was returned to the firm with a memo from the company bearing the curt statement "Regret cement sold out"—not a word as to any future delivery or as to when the company might be in a position to meet a demand.

Bluntness & Sneer

Some time later, the same firm, being in urgent need of 100 bags, sent its representative to the company's office and asked a member of the staff if he could have this quantity, adding at the same time that he was prepared to pay even 50 cents or more a bag higher than the current price. The reply he received staggered him both in bluntness and the sneer it was intended to convey. He was asked "Why doesn't he buy Japanese or Haiphong cement?" Such an attitude on the part of the staff is apt to be resented, and certainly does not tend to secure the goodwill of customers. Eventually this firm was obliged to go to a dealer who apparently was one of the favoured few and had to pay \$4.50 per bag. I may say that the selling price of the company on that day was \$3.60. It is puzzling to many of us why it was that the company continued selling its cement at \$3.60 when it was well known that it was not in a position to cope with the existing demand, while the market was apparently willing to pay higher prices.

The Commission

There is another point I should like to touch upon on in connection with the statement of account, and that is in regard to the general managers' commission. On a net profit of \$116,000, \$25,000 seems out of all proportion to pay by way of commission. I am aware that under the company's articles the general managers are entitled to this scale, but surely these articles are not like the laws of the ancient Medes and Persians, unalterable. I would therefore appeal to the Board and the general managers to get together and

by agreement make the commission payable proportionate to the net profits.

Chairman's Replies

Mr. Shewan replied: In regard to the fixing of the price of cement:—"It is done by the general managers according to the state of the market. You know there is fluctuation in the price of cement as in other commodity." Mr. Shewan added that the answer to the second question was the same and that the general managers followed and watched the market. The price of cement in December last, Mr. Shewan added, was \$5.50 a cask and \$3.50 a bag.

Investigation Promised

Mr. Shewan promised investigation as to whether anybody on the staff had been rude. It did not follow, however, that if a person was advised to buy Haiphong cement that the advice was given in an offensive way.

In regard to the question of general managers' fee Mr. Shewan said:—"You must not ask me to say anything about that. As you know, it was fixed by the shareholders themselves some years ago."

Mr. Gould:—"I know, but at the same time it seems out of proportion."

Mr. Shewan replied that last year had been exceptional and that the prospects for the present year were good.

Other Business

Mr. J. Scott Harston seconded the adoption of the accounts and report and the chairman's motion thereon was carried unanimously.

Other business transacted by the company comprised:—

Re-election of Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. Gould F. Mendham as directors—proposed by Mr. J. Gould, seconded by Mr. J. Coulthart.

Re-election of Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors at a fee of \$750 for each firm per year—proposed by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, seconded by Mr. O. Kitchell.

Extraordinary Meeting

The notice convening the extraordinary meeting was then read by the secretary, after which the chairman said:—

Gentlemen, at the annual general meeting held in March last year, I informed you that your Board were investigating the question of the installation of a new plant at Hok On with a view to placing concrete proposals before you in due course and this meeting has been called for the purpose of asking you for your approval of this installation. We have gone extremely care-

fully into the various aspects of the matter and in order to check our recommendations and those made by our own technical and executive staff, we requested Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews to draw up a report on the financial side of the undertaking. This report we are glad to say supports our own views and those of our technical staff, and is available to any shareholder on application to the secretary.

The Board's Intention

We think it will be inadvisable to delay the project and we propose accordingly going ahead immediately, subject to your agreement to-day. As regards financing the project, it is not the intention of your Board to call up further capital for, with the company's own resources, deferred terms of payment which we expect to obtain from suppliers and with assistance from our bankers, a call on shareholders should not be necessary.

It is your Board's intention, in future, to devote their entire energies to Hok On. No more capital will be spent at Macao, and Deep Water Bay will be disposed of, if we can find a purchaser, or the works demolished.

The return we expect from the capital expended on a new plant, will, we feel confident, enable us to become again a dividend paying concern at a no far distant date.

Market Increasing

The market for our product is large and increasing and I am sure will easily absorb the output of a new plant. The plant which will be chosen by our works' manager in conjunction with expert technical advisers at Home, will be of the very latest type and will amongst other things enable us to manufacture rapid hardening cement, which is already finding such a ready market at Home and on the Continent, and which commands a much higher price than ordinary Portland cement.

I now beg to propose that the resolution mentioned in the notice calling this meeting, namely:—

"That the directors of the company be and they are hereby authorised to proceed with the purchase and installation at the company's works at Hok On, of a new cement plant and to expend on the purchase and installation of such new cement plant a sum of up to but not exceeding \$3,500,000" be passed as an extraordinary resolution and I shall be glad if some shareholder will kindly second this.

Mr. J. H. Taggart seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

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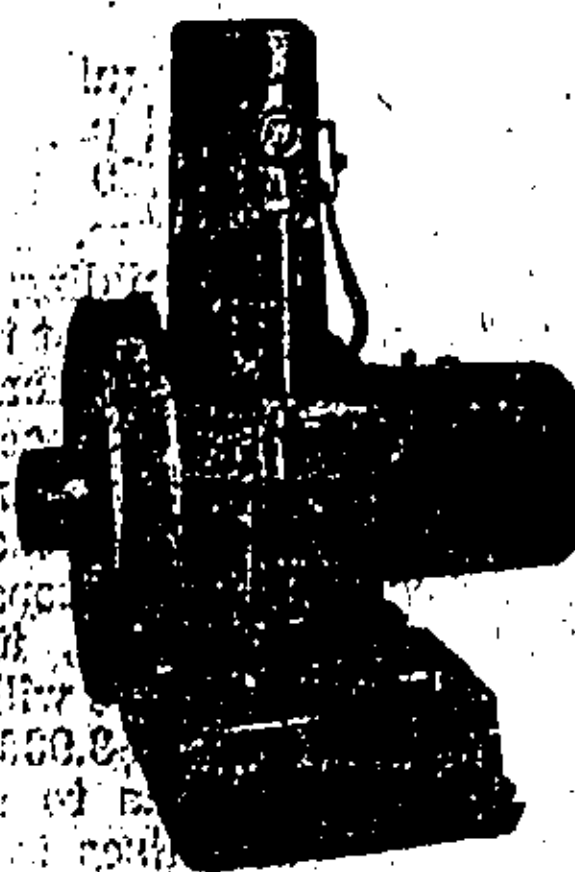
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Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL

FOUR SCOTTISH LEAGUE MATCHES

RANGERS UNBEATEN

Glasgow, Yesterday.
The following matches in the Scottish League (First Division) were played to-day on the grounds of the first-mentioned teams:
Airdrieonians 5, Aberdeen 0.
Partick Thistle 2, Kilmarnock 1.
Rangers 2, Hearts 0.
St. Mirren 5, Falkirk 0.

Reuter.

Scottish League—Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	29	27	2	0	93	22	56
Hearts	33	19	8	6	83	46	44
Motherwell	30	18	8	4	67	50	40
Glebe	28	16	5	7	49	34	37
Aberdeen	32	14	6	12	65	50	34
Partick	30	14	5	11	70	50	33
St. Johnstone	32	12	9	11	49	58	33
Kilmarnock	31	13	6	12	68	57	32
Queen's Park	29	13	5	11	70	50	31
Falkirk	31	12	6	13	63	76	30
St. Mirren	31	12	6	13	63	65	30
Hibernians	31	12	5	14	44	47	29
Cowdenbath	32	12	4	16	40	58	28
Hamilton	31	9	7	15	46	70	25
Ayr	31	9	6	16	56	72	24
Clyde	31	10	4	17	38	61	24
Airdrie	32	10	4	18	43	59	24
3rd Lanark	32	9	5	18	60	78	23
Dundee	30	8	7	15	48	64	23
Raith R.	30	6	4	20	39	90	10

RIFLE SHOOTING

VOLUNTEER CORPS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual rifle meeting of the Volunteer Corps takes place at Stonecutters on March 31 and April 1. The programme consists of ten events. These include Blake Shield, Francis Cup, Attack Competition, Reserve Challenge Cup, Jar Competition (on Monday), Corps Championship, Tyro Competition and Musketry Competition (on Monday). The Revolver Competition, Corps and all Comers, will be fired on both days.

POLICE AT PLAY

RESULTS OF INTERPORT GAMES

The Hong Kong Police revolver team were defeated by the Shanghai Police, the latter using the Colt .45 automatic, by nearly 100 points—Shanghai, 617, Hong Kong 418. Eight men shot, and the best six counted. The total score was S.M.P. 659, Hong Kong 450. Eight Specialists shot as well, their score eclipsing that of the Regulars, 662 for six men and 715 for eight men.

GOLF

In the golf match Shanghai won by eight to one.

In the singles Shanghai won three, lost one, and squared off at the fifth. Dixon beat Booker, 5 and 3, Scott beat Dorling, 2 and 1, and Hall beat James 6 and 5. Kent and Adams came in all square and Fairbairn lost to Shepherd 2 and 1.

In the four-ball matches, Dixon and Scott beat Dorling and Booker, 5 and 4, Hall and Adams beat James and Kent 9 and 7. Fairbairn beat Shepherd 3 and 2.

GOLF

PROGRAMME FOR EASTER MEETING AT FANLING

The programme for the Easter meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling contains five events. The principal competition is the Shanghai Visitors' Cup, for members only, to be played on Sunday, March 31, over 36 holes Medal play, under handicap. A Bogey Pool, Medal Round and Four-ball Medal Foursomes have also been fixed for the old course. These are open to members and subscribers.

The only competition on the new course is Mixed Bogey.

SEGRAVE'S RECORD

CAR BUFFETED BY STRONG WIND

"MISS ENGLAND'S" TRIAL

London, Yesterday.
Major H. O. D. Segrave, the famous British motorist, yesterday established by a margin of nearly 24 miles an hour a new land speed record, attaining in two runs over the measured mile an average speed of 231.36 miles hourly. He accomplished this brilliant achievement in an all-British machine Golden Arrow on the sands at Daytona Beach, Florida, before 100,000 spectators, who gave him a wildly enthusiastic reception.

Visibility Poor

The conditions were none too favourable for the attempt. Visibility was so poor that two powerful arc lights were erected, one at each end of the measured mile, and mist continually drifted across the course. The wind also made the sand rather bumpy, and at one moment the car struck a pool of water which caused the tail of the car to twist.

Major Segrave, in view of the poor light, strapped on telescopic sights, which had been fitted, and resembled ordinary rifle sights. They were attached to the car bonnet, aiming the car through these at the huge arc lights. He took a four mile start before entering the actual course, and the speed at which he travelled was such that the vast crowd of spectators on one side of the track appeared to him like a solid black wall, while he says the flags on the other side resembled a straight line drawn across a piece of paper.

The sea had left several gullies in the sand, which caused the car to jump right into the air, which involved tremendous additional strain whilst it was additionally buffeted by a cross wind.

Major Segrave says his car is capable of an even higher speed, and he will make a further attempt should his fresh record be broken while he is at Daytona. It is expected the huge thirty-six cylinder American Triplex owned by Mr. White will make the attempt to beat Major Segrave's record to-day.

Major Segrave after his successful run, paid a warm tribute to Captain Irving, the designer of his machine, and also to the sportsmanship of his American rivals and the spectators.

Car Described

Major Segrave's car has a twelve cylinder Napier-Lion engine of the same type as that used in the Schneider race by British seaplanes. It develops 930 horse-power, and has no supercharger.

Captain Irving was responsible for the design, and the body consists of three stream-line forms, one enclosing the engine and gearbox between two propeller shafts and the driver. Two outer casings stream-line the wheels, and carry between them the radiator.

The tyres used in the test had a very thin, smooth tread to reduce stresses, and were calculated to last for little longer than the probable duration of the test.

While at Daytona, Major Segrave hopes also to establish a new water speed record in his one thousand horsepower motor boat "Miss England," which in a trial this week attained 85 miles an hour.

Among spectators of his great drive was Mrs. Segrave, who was the first to greet him after his success.—British Wireless Service.

BOXING

FLEET AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

The Fleet amateur boxing championship will take place in the Colony on April 5 and 6.

LAWN TENNIS

RESULTS OF TOURNAMENT TIES

The following ties in the Hong Kong Cricket Club Lawn Tennis tournament were decided yesterday:

Open Singles.—J. S. McEachran beat E. F. Fincher 6-3, 6-0, 6-4; L. Goldman beat J. A. Cassumbhoy 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-40.

Open Doubles.—Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham beat Lai Kwong-tsun and Lu Tak-lam 6-2, 8-6, 6-1; Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau beat V. Yanovich and C. Barretto 6-1, 6-2, 6-0; M. K. and M. W. Lo beat S. E. and D. S. Green 6-2, 6-0, 6-3.

Handicap Singles.—"B."—M. D. Scott (owe 2/6) beat C. Stigter (owe 2/6) 4-6, 9-7, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles.—Ashworth and Mills beat Crook and Womack 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

To-day's Ties

Open Doubles.—L. Goldman and J. S. McEachran v A. D. Humphreys and R. N. Valentine; E. F. and F. C. Fincher v J. W. Leonard and D. Bodiker.

Handicap Singles—"B."—A. C. I. Bowker v P. E. Barker; O. C. Womack v O. E. C. Marton.

HOCKEY

HONG KONG L.H.C. v. K.B.S.F.P.A.

The following team has been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club in a match against the K.B.S.F.P.A. (men's section) on the Hong Kong Hockey Club ground at King's Park, on Saturday, starting at 3.30.

F. M. Stevenson, E. S. Laing, M. W. Wallace, M. B. Bird, E. R. Bell, A. Owen-Hughes, Mrs. M. J. Jarvis, E. Baker, D. F. Stanton, N. McNeillie, M. Hansen. Reserves: E. Adair, E. Blackburn.

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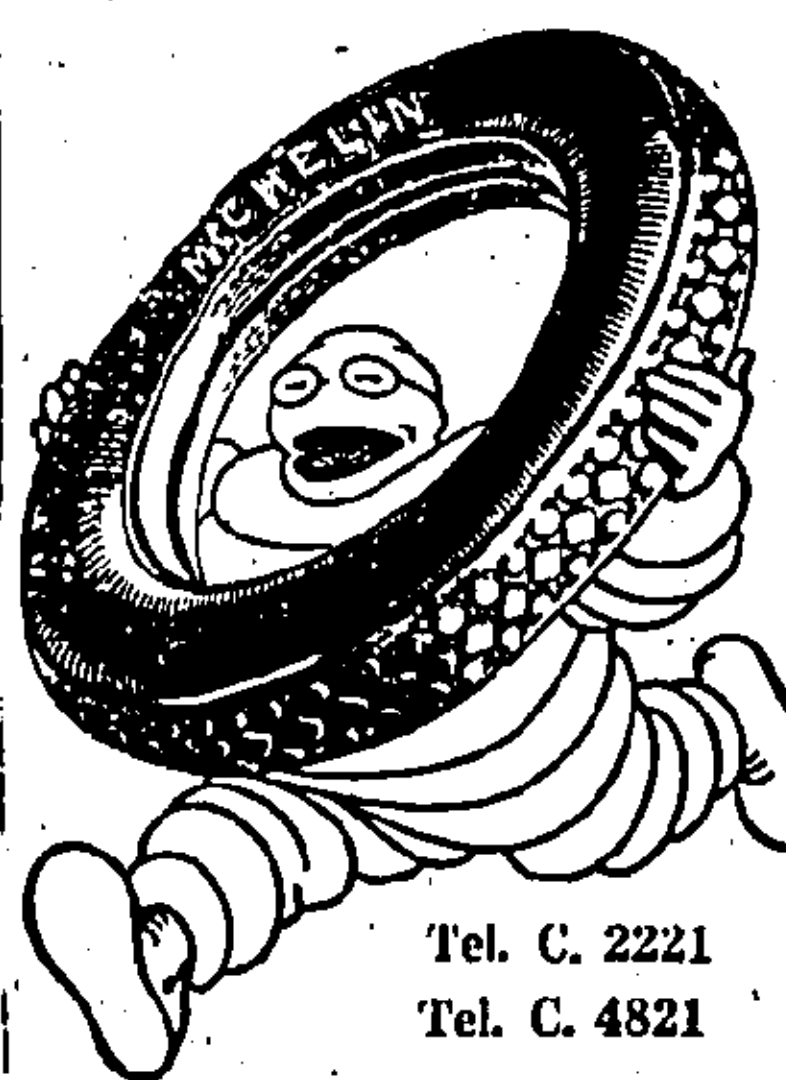
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Canton Insurance \$695 n

Union Insurance \$388 s

North China Insurance \$160 b

Yangtze Insurance \$850 n

China Underwriters \$220 b 2.40 s

China Fire Insurance \$200 b

H.K. Fire Insurance \$790 sa

Shipping

Douglases \$36 1/4 n

H.K. Steamboats \$27 1/2 s

H.K. Tugs & Lighters \$2 1/4 b 2.35 sa

Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$62 1/2 n

Indo-Chinas (Def.) \$92 n

Shell Transports (new) \$39/9 n

Shell Transports (new) \$22 1/2 n

Union Water-boats \$22 1/2 n

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Kailan Mining Ad. \$67/6 n

Langkats (comb.) \$14 b

Langkats (singles) \$7 1/4 n

Shanghai Explorations \$3 s

Shanghai Loans \$4 1/4 n

Raub's \$7.10 b 7 1/4 sa

Tronoh Mines \$17/6 n

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.

H.K. & K. Wharves \$126 1/2 n

H.K. & W. Docks \$40 1/2 n

China Providents \$4.85 sa

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Hongkews \$168 1/2 n

New Engineering \$7 1/4 n

Shanghai Docks \$114 b 115 s

Cotton Mills

Evo Cottons \$13.35 b

Oriental Cottons \$12 n

Shanghai Cottons (old) \$70 n

Shanghai Cottons (new) \$75 n

Lands, Hotels & Buildings

H.K. & S. Hotels \$3.10 n

H.K. Lands \$58 1/2 b

Shanghai Lands \$169 b

Humphreys' Estates \$14 1/4 b

H.K. Realities \$8.60 n

H.K. Territorials \$ n

Prince's Buildings \$ n

Public Utilities

H.K. Tways \$18 1/2 b 19 s 18.60 sa

Peak Trams (old) \$13 s

Peak Trams (new) \$6.30 n

Star Ferries \$68 1/2 n

China Lights (comb.) \$ n

China Lights (old) \$12.90 n

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China Lights (new) \$ n

China Lights 1928 issue. \$ n

H.K. Electric (old) \$55 1/4 b

H.K. Electric (new) \$54 1/2 b

Macao Electric \$26 1/2 n

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China Buses \$11 1/4 n

Singapore Tractions \$11/6 n

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Cements (old) \$7.30 n

Cements (new) \$1.30 n

H.K. Ropes (old) \$7 1/4 b

H.K. Ropes (new) \$ n

United Asbestos \$5 n

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Dairy Farms \$20 1/2 s

Watsons \$14 b

Der A. Wings \$80 cta. b

Lane, Crawford's \$2 1/4 s

Mackintoshes \$20 n

Sinceres \$10 1/4 b

Wm. Powells \$3.65 n

Miscellaneous

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Hong Kong Constructions \$1 1/4 s

B. Ind. G. Bonds 67 1/2 s

H.K. Govt. Loans 6 1/4 b prem.

EXTRALITY IN CHINA

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A Nanking report states that Dr. C. T. Wang, (Foreign Minister), interviewed, interviewed the Kuo Min news agency correspondent that he understood "the United States Government is exchanging views concerning the abolition of Consular jurisdiction with the other Governments concerned. I expect that foreign Consular jurisdiction will be abolished before the beginning of next year."—Reuter.

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TRADE WARNING

(Continued From Page 2)

It would be unwise to reduce subscriptions unless we are able to increase the number of members. We have at present 170 members and it is proposed to make a canvass for new subscribers shortly after this meeting. The Chamber does valuable work in the interests of the entire commercial community, and it only right that every one interested in the trade of the Colony should give their support.

No further items in the accounts appear to need fuller explanation.

Language School
It is gratifying to see that the Chinese language school is being well supported and the surplus for the year, of \$1,238, goes to reduce the deficit which now stands at \$3,801. Our thanks are due to His Excellency the Governor for his keen interest in the study of the Chinese language and for his remarks at the last annual meeting, which no doubt did much to promote the study of the Chinese language amongst commercial staffs. We are also indebted to Mr. Wong Tak-kwong and Mr. K. S. Morrison for their assistance in examining the scholars for certificates.

It is with much regret that we have to record the recent death of Mr. H. P. White, senior partner of Messrs. Douglas, Lapraik & Co., a firm which has been a member of the Chamber since its foundation in 1861. During the year, we have also to record, with regret, the loss of Major Henry Keswick (who was a member of the Committee from 1907 to 1911 and was elected Vice-Chairman in 1908), and of Mr. Edward Shellim, for many years a member of the General Committee.

Situation in China
Members have quite recently had an opportunity of listening to and reading the very interesting speech delivered by Mr. Compton at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, which dealt very comprehensively with the China situation, and I feel therefore that any lengthy statement on this occasion may be unnecessary.

The year has been marked by several very important steps in the direction of solidification and unification of the country and its relations with foreign Powers. Nineteen hundred and twenty-eight should go down in the world's history as the year in which China was granted tariff autonomy and in which many commercial Treaties were revised and on more modern lines.

Although the Nationalist Party nominally holds sway over the entire country, their authority in the Northern Provinces is more nominal than real, and we all regret to note that at the moment they seem to be facing a critical situation. Rome was not built in a day, however, and provided the Nationalist Government can live up to their undertakings, both to their own country and to the Powers; we should see gradual improvement and more stable conditions. Much still remains to be accomplished; many loans are in default; the country's credit is at a low ebb; irregular taxation is difficult to stop; railways are being "milked" of legitimate revenue that is so badly needed to repair permanent way and rolling stock; the cost of the armaments impoverishes the country, and the finances have yet to be placed on a budgetary basis.

On the other hand, there is no doubt that the spirit of progress is present and China, with its comparatively low standard of living, has great powers of recuperation, provided it enjoys a few years of peace and quiet. Business failures have been remarkably few, even prior to China New Year, and there is evidence of gradually returning confidence.

Recovery in the South
Turning more particularly to the South, Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces bore the brunt of the Northern Expedition to further the Nationalist cause, but signs are not wanting to show the rapid recovery that is being made. The Provincial Governments are actively turning their attention to questions of education, public health, utilities, and communications. Travelling, which is still undertaken in the Northern and Central Provinces with a certain amount of risk, is now probably safer in our two neighbouring Provinces and Fukien than has been the case for many years past.

In this connection, Mr. Perry has very kindly presented to the Chamber three maps showing the progress of road construction in Kwangtung, Kwangsi, and Fukien. The extent of the roads is about 8,000 miles and I understand that the opportunity staff of the B. A. T. have travelled safely over practically the whole of the mileage.

When anti-plague measures are being taken and it is significant that outbreaks and launches in the Delta are now able to ply without armed guards.

In trade the past year can only be classified as indifferent, but with the depleted buying power of the country we can hardly hope for anything more than slow improvement. Farmers and villagers are busily engaged repairing the ravages of warfare and banditry and this is absorbing their available resources. When this step has been completed, a gradual improvement in trade should be seen, and it is to be hoped that the import tariff, which has only been fixed for one year, will not be drastically revised and once again hamper commerce.

Administrative Disabilities
It may not be out of place to recall the remarks made by the Chairman of the China Association at the annual dinner in London last November as to the peculiar administrative disabilities, which must tend to weaken Hong Kong's position, and which are perhaps more noticeable under the present changing conditions of China than was the case formerly. I refer to the fact that, while being geographically a part of China, we are out of touch with the country owing to the administration of this Colony being under the Secretary of State for the Crown Colonies, whereas the Imperial policy of Great Britain toward China is dictated by the Foreign Office. It is more than ever essential that Hong Kong should be in the closest possible touch with the neighbouring Province, and I trust that the reference to our position by the Chairman of the China Association will not go altogether unheeded.

When the Tariff Treaty was under consideration, the Chamber of Commerce once more drew the attention of the Authorities to the need for a system of bonded warehouses in Hong Kong, so that goods moving from one port of China to another should not lose their status as Chinese cargo, which is the case at present where transshipment is necessary. It would also tend to maintain Hong Kong's position as a distributing centre for overseas trade. A system of warehouses bonded by Chinese Customs would also materially assist imports from abroad.

Turning to the Chamber's activities, these are fully covered in the annual report, but the following may perhaps be mentioned. With a view to providing a substitute for the "Daily Bulletin," a service of Reuters' market telegrams was commenced last July. It is found, however, that in many instances the quotations given are hardly applicable to this market, and subscribers will be given an opportunity—before the present contract expires—of considering whether they wish to continue the service, or some other alternative adopted.

Most of you have doubtless received a notice from the Cable Companies as to the International Telegraph Conference dealing with the amendments to the regulations for code telegrams. The Chamber understands that the introduction of these regulations is meeting with opposition from commercial bodies at Home and on the Continent, and the Chamber has recently suggested that objections might well be lodged by the Associated Chambers of Commerce in China and Hong Kong.

Stamp Ordinance Revision
The Chamber's attitude regarding the revision of the Stamp Ordinance is fully set out in the report. While in sympathy with the Government in their endeavour to secure the revenue to which they are entitled by law, your Committee has urged that care must be taken not to place unreasonable impositions on investments and thus drive capital away from the Colony. An early decision has been requested, and I am authorised by the Government to state that this matter is receiving their earnest consideration, in conjunction with various suggestions that have been made, but that they are unable at the moment to indicate what action will be taken.

Trade Statistics
The report also deals with the question of recommending trade statistics. After making exhaustive enquiries as to the methods adopted at Home, in Singapore, Ceylon, and elsewhere, the Chamber addressed a letter to the Government on February 5 this year suggesting that statistics be recommended on a restricted basis in keeping with the wish expressed by members. There is no doubt that had statistics not been discontinued, figures for the years 1924-28 would now be most illuminating to the Government and useful to merchants.

Local Shipping Construction
An important matter, and one full of technicalities and difficulties, is the question of introducing regulations in Hong Kong governing the construction and survey of local shipping and small craft on lines similar to the Board of Trade rules at Home. It is realised that Board of Trade regulations as they stand could hardly be made applicable to local conditions, because the type of craft used in the past was of a different character.

differ from those existing at Home. After exchange of correspondence with the Government, the Chamber has now set up a special Sub-Committee of experts, while the Government has promised whatever technical assistance is required with a view to drawing up a set of regulations suitable for local conditions, which will be recognised by neighbouring countries but at the same time will not impose unnecessary hardships on craft under local registration, or place Hong Kong at a disadvantage as compared with neighbouring ports.

Vehicular Ferry
The question of a vehicular ferry across the Harbour appears to be becoming somewhat of a hardy annual. As long ago as 1922, the Chamber was urgently requested by the Government to submit their views on the matter. Development of any scheme was delayed by the troubles of 1925-26, but there should be no cause for further delay, and the need for a vehicular ferry for both cars and lorries is only too obvious. At the end of last year, the Government issued a seasonal paper giving the results of their enquiries. This is printed in extenso in the report, and outlines a scheme calling for the outlay of a large amount of capital, and a ferry service on such an elaborate basis as appears to put the proposition beyond the bounds of possibility as a commercial undertaking for many years to come. It is to be hoped that the Government, in the public interest, will do all they can to facilitate matters. This aspect of the subject has been mentioned at the recent annual meeting of the Star Ferry Company.

Loss of Prestige and Trade
During the past year, export trade generally has caused the Committee some concern. Short-

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sighted means of endeavouring to reduce costs to meet markets have led to malpractices and caused serious complaints from consuming centres. Adulteration of wood oil and essential oils, poor quality ginger, lowering of the standard of packing, and the quality of rice, have been the order of the day, resulting in the loss of prestige and trade, while claims have been of common occurrence. This is only in keeping with the history of China's export trade and calls to mind the loss of the tea trade in Canton, failure to improve the culture of silk, troubles over the export standards of cassia, and practically every other export article that can be mentioned. I would issue a very strong warning, not only to Chinese dealers, but also to exporters, to see that quality, packing, and standards are maintained at a level that will do credit to Hong Kong and South China.

With these remarks, I beg to propose that the annual report and statement of accounts of the Chamber as circulated be adopted. (Applause.)

UNDUE OPTIMISM?

Mr. J. A. Plummer said:—I have been asked to second the adoption of the report and accounts, but as time is drawing on I will make my remarks as brief as possible.

I desire to associate myself with the Chairman's reference to the disaster at the King Edward Hotel. I have read the report and listened with much interest to all our Chairman has said, and I congratulate our hard-working Committee on what it has been able to achieve during the year. I can only hope that due weight will be given to its recommendations on the several important local matters which are still pending, and that the Chamber will continue to share with regard to the special relations of this Chamber to the Government.

The accounts for the year show a very satisfactory return. Although we are warned to expect increased expenditure in the future, I still hope that means will be found to reduce the subscription, which is undoubtedly high, and to bring more members to the Chamber.

The incorporation of the Chamber under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance is undoubtedly a wise measure and one which I personally advocated two years ago. I am very glad it is a fact accomplished.

It must be very pleasing to you gentlemen, that our Chairman is able to adopt such an optimistic tone in reference to Chinese affairs and trade generally, although I am personally inclined to think that he lays too great stress upon what progress has been made, and too little upon what still remains to be accomplished, before merchants, either Chinese or foreign, can trade freely with that sense of security which is so essential to prosperity.

Many Irregularities
That the Nationalist authority is more nominal than real is, I fear, only too true, while signs are not lacking that things are not nearly so happy and peaceful in political circles as may appear on the surface.

Our Chairman touches very lightly on the subject of irregular taxation, extortion, bribery, and corruption, which I am sorry to say is still rife, while no mention whatever is made of the growing evil of smuggling.

In Hong Kong, where British merchants may not come into so close touch with these irregularities, it may be difficult to realise the paralysing effect which they have upon trade, but I feel convinced that, if the present unsatisfactory conditions continue much longer, we shall hear less and less of the wonderful recuperative powers of the Chinese.

A Totally Wrong Impression
Unfortunately the most mildly optimistic statements from an authoritative source such as this Chamber, coupled with often more than optimistic utterances by Nationalist leaders and others, frequently give people at Home a totally wrong impression as to the true state of affairs in China, and although I am no pessimist I fear that it will be many years yet before we can look forward to a return of anything like normal trading conditions.

That the Chinese Language School is being well supported, and has shown a surplus for the year under review, is indeed very gratifying, and I trust that there is no longer any fear that the Chamber will abandon these useful classes which are so eminently suitable for merchants wishing to acquire a useful working knowledge of the language.

I am also glad to hear that the question of local trade statistics is still to the fore, although the irretrievable loss of statistics for the past three years, when they would have been of inestimable value, is much to be deplored.

The unsatisfactory state of the export trade, arising as it does from causes which are avoidable, and a short-sighted policy on the part of export merchants generally, is a matter for concern, and I hope that the Chamber may find a means of maintaining standards, particularly in rice for which the Chamber issues certificates of quality. It is essential that standards should be clearly set forth and strictly adhered to.

I now have pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts. (Applause.)

EXPORT TRADE

Chairman's Strictures Entirely Unmerited.

Mr. J. M. Rocha said:—

Mr. Chairman.—With all consideration for the views of the Committee in reference to the export trade of the Colony last year, I think in a laudable desire to raise the standard of delivery you have come to conclusions incompatible with the facts of the case. Things have not been as well as they might have been, and might be improved, I grant, but there is a wide gap between any isolated instance of deliberate bad delivery, and a sustained resort to malpractices in order to meet markets, which your remarks indicate.

There have been cases, I admit, where an erroneous interpretation of a contract, or a lack of vigilance enabling an unscrupulous supplier to substitute cargo, which have led to complaints and claims, but I think it only fair to state that claims from these causes have been extremely few.

Contrary to your views, Mr. Chairman, in my opinion, there has been generally speaking a marked improvement in 1928 in quality of packing, and standard of export goods, and I think it is only fair to say that the Chamber's efforts in this respect have been most commendable.

quality exported has improved to such a gratifying extent that Hong Kong has become a serious competitor of Hankow. Cassia oil has been the subject of much investigation and adverse comment, but I would draw your attention to the statements of local analysts, referred to in the Chamber's report, who have expressed doubts whether any alcohol was present in Hong Kong shipments to America. The quality of ginger has improved, even of the old crop, and it remains to be seen whether the improvement will reduce claims which in this commodity, as with others, have coincided with falling prices to the extent of raising a dissatisfaction in the minds of Chinese dealers with London arbitration awards.

Conditions in the rice trade show also an improvement as to quality, weight, and picking, and whilst admitting the need for further improvement, my close connection with this trade has not revealed any retrograde step during 1928.

So much for the technical side of the Colony's export business in respect of which I feel your strictures are entirely unmerited, and on behalf of the general body of exporters, no less than the Chinese dealers, I must protest against the derogatory expressions from the Chair.

In so far, however, as your well-meant warning is calculated to check possible abuse in the future, I think Chinese dealers and foreign exporting firms should take heed of the possible consequences to their trade if the greatest possible care be not observed in respect of delivery. In this, the Chamber can assist materially by requiring of their surveyors in the future the same strict view of their duties which they have adopted in the past.

There are other points in the export business, Sir, which you have not touched upon, and which are not only important in themselves but their proper appreciation will help our friends, the Chinese dealers, towards the constant improvement in standard of delivery we are all aiming for. I refer to the indiscriminate competition which can obtain a profit only by taking a position on the particular cargo dealt in, or by snatching a fraction in exchange, or even from a long spread-out freight rebate. If the trade requires speculation at all, which I doubt, I think buyers are obtaining all the benefit of the risks undertaken by exporters, risks which may leave them on the wrong side of the book, and at best not benefit them more than to the extent of the moderate commission they are entitled to anyhow. It appears to me, Mr. Chairman, that a realisation of these factors by all parties concerned will not only enable exporters to obtain a fair rate of commission, but also to pass a part of it to their suppliers in consideration of the maintenance always of the best possible standard.

Mr. Churn concurred.
Mr. Churn stated that he had listened with interest to the remarks made by Mr. da Rocha and he felt he was right in agreeing with them.

The Chairman thanked Mr. da Rocha for his remarks which would be fully considered by the Incoming Committee and by the Export Committee of which Mr. da Rocha had been Chairman during the past year. He (the Chairman) felt it necessary to issue a serious warning because the Chamber had been inundated with arbitrations, despite Mr. da Rocha's remark that claims were few.

The motion was then carried unanimously.

The Chairman proposed that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming be appointed auditors to the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce at a remuneration of \$200 per annum.

Mr. R. Sutherland seconded and the motion was carried.

The Chairman proposed that the election of the following members by the General Committee since the last annual meeting be confirmed:—Mr. J. E. Joseph, Messrs. Wallace Harper & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Sing King & Co.

At a Committee meeting held subsequent to the Annual Meeting, Mr. Nelligan S. Brown was elected Chairman of the Chamber for the ensuing year and Mr. B. D. F. Beth, Vice-Chairman.

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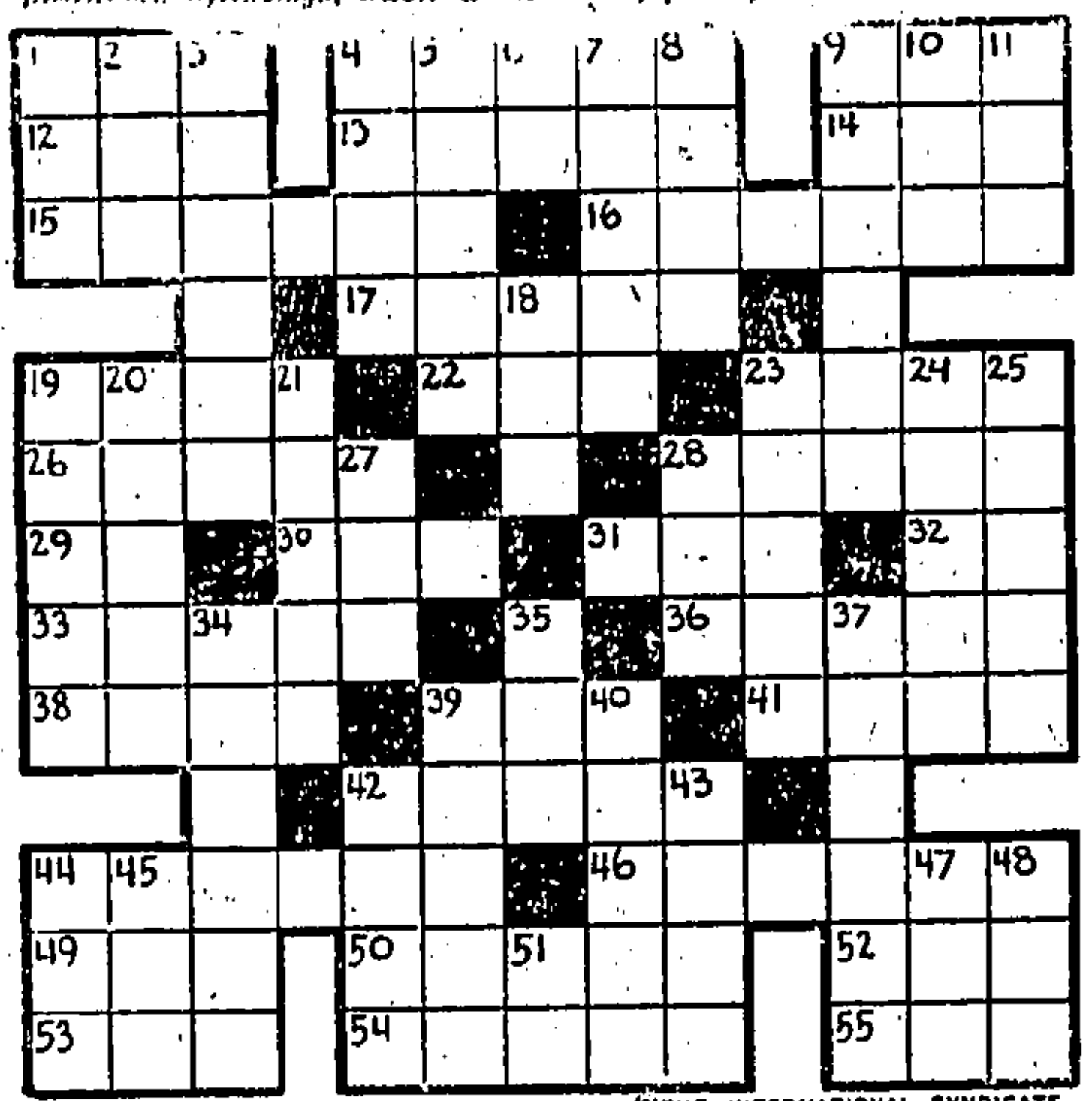
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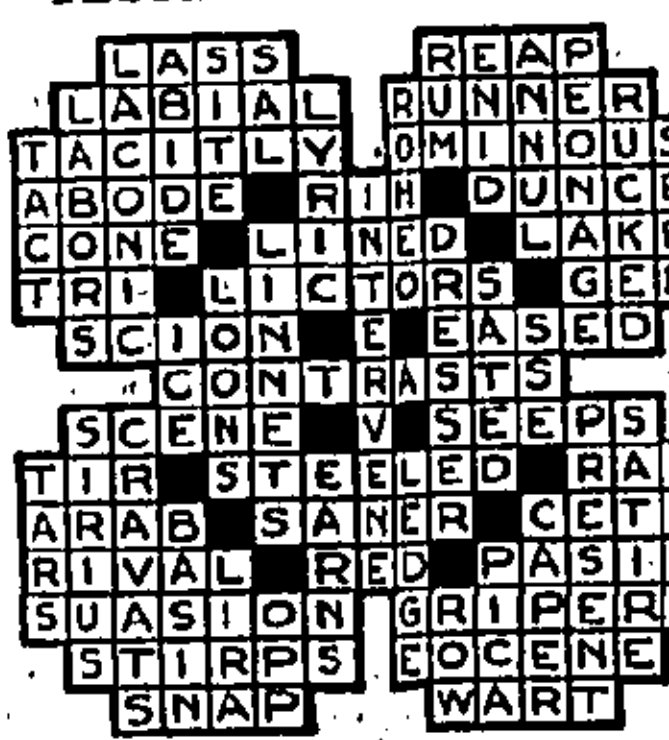
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1-Goddess of mischief
 - 4-A play
 - 6-Policeman (slang)
 - 12-Measure of length
 - 13-Graded
 - 14-Metric land measure
 - 15-Town in N. British India
 - 16-A ruff of feathers
 - 17-An auction
 - 22-Title of respect
 - 23-Small particle
 - 26-To trample
 - 28-Landscape
 - 29-Exist
 - 30-Weakness
 - 31-Nocturnal flying mammal
 - 32-Electric Telegraph (abbr.)
 - 33-An image
 - 35-Ravine
 - 38-Greek god of love
 - 39-Mischief-making child
 - 41-Thoroughfare
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- 42-A poplar
 - 43-N. America
 - 44-Picnic
 - 45-Rovers
 - 46-S. W. State (abbr.)
 - 50-Wrathful
 - 52-Born (French)
 - 53-To dress, as flax
 - 54-Pertaining to law
 - 55-A tree
- VERTICAL**
- 1-A weapon
 - 2-Front part of a hoof
 - 3-First woman to swim across English Channel
 - 4-Stuffy
 - 5-Price
 - 6-Near
 - 7-Metric unit of length
 - 8-Entrance
 - 9-A hooded cloak
 - 10-Metal in natural state
 - 11-A tame animal
 - 18-Nothing
 - 19-Affirm
 - 20-A silver's suit
 - 21-Relieves
 - 22-One who plays a part
 - 24-A lake in N. Russia
 - 25-Allocated
 - 27-Restrain
 - 28-To bend in the middle
 - 34-Sultry
 - 35-Empire (abbr.)
 - 37-The dialect of Gippsland
 - 39-River in S. E. France
 - 40-Combining form
 - 42-West Indian indigo plant
 - 43-French for "Christmas"
 - 44-Porch
 - 45-Before
 - 47-River in N. E. Scotland
 - 48-To mend
 - 51-Agriculture (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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TROUBLE**
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GARAGE.

SHAMEEN COUNCIL.

(Continued from Page 7.)

Mr. Batchelor:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, you will find the Budget Estimates on page 6 of the report. The only item I wish to explain is that of the expenses incurred relative to the relief of the Captain Superintendent of Police. I have heard it said that the Council could have found ways and means of carrying on the Police duties without asking the aid of the Hong Kong Government. Your Council went into this matter very thoroughly and considered it essential that we had a man able to devote his whole time and attention to this department. It must be borne in mind that the contents of the island are worth many millions of dollars—that we have to deal with all classes of the community and be ready at all times to meet any emergency that may arise.

The remainder of the Budget calls for no special comment and need not say your Council has endeavoured to keep down costs as much as possible. The rates shown do not cover the amounts to be collected in the event of resolutions being accepted by the meeting, but the rates are shown very clearly with their respective resolutions on page 7. I now beg to propose that the Budget Estimates for 1929 as shown in the report be passed, subject to alterations in the rates.

Mr. Bowker:—I beg to second it.

Mr. Annett:—Any questions on the Budget? Well, gentlemen, if there are no questions I put it to the meeting proposed by Mr. Batchelor and seconded by Mr. Bowker that the Budget Estimates for 1929 be passed. All those in favour?—Carried.

Election of Council

The next business is to elect not more than five duly qualified ratepayers to serve on the Council for 1929. The following list of duly qualified ratepayers proposed by Mr. Bowker and seconded by myself has been exhibited on the notice board of the Council since January 28 and as there are no other candidates I declare these five gentlemen to be duly elected to the Council. The names are:

Mr. R. K. Batchelor,
Mr. W. Roland Farmer,
Mr. E. R. Hill,
Mr. T. M. Knott,
Mr. G. M. D. Wolf.

These five gentlemen are the next Council.

I believe the Chairman of the Council has a number of resolutions to put to the meeting and I would ask him to do so.

House Tax

Mr. Batchelor:—The first resolution you will find on page 6 in which you are asked to raise the additional rate on the House Tax to cover the amount refunded to Messrs. T. E. Griffith, Ltd. This is stereotyped and we have no comments to make. It happens year by year. Unless anybody wants to ask any questions on it I would propose that the Resolution as printed be passed.

Mr. Farmer:—I beg to second it.

Mr. Annett:—Any questions, gentlemen? If not I put Resolution No. 1 to the meeting. All those in favour?—Against?—Carried.

Nursing Home Extension

Mr. Batchelor:—Resolution No. 2, Gentlemen, is also on the same page. This covers the rent of two additional rooms in the Victoria Hotel for the Nursing Home. In bringing this question before you I must point out that the present quarters are very cramped. Doubtless most of you have seen the Nursing Home but for the benefit of those who have not done so I would like to say that the nurse who lives permanently in the Nursing Home has one bedroom only and in this room she is expected to live, sleep and do her own cooking. This room opens directly off the operating theatre. In addition to the cramped space there is no waiting room and no space to store the usual assortment of buckets, brooms and spare stores. In fact, the whole place is too cramped. Although it is true to say that the Nursing Home is an expensive item in the Budget, it is a necessity to the community and I would therefore propose that the resolution as printed be passed.

Mr. Bowker:—I have pleasure in seconding.

Mr. Walker:—Is there a lease?

Mr. Batchelor:—The present lease for the Nursing Home is for 6 years.

Mr. Walker:—I mean the rooms you are proposing to rent. Are they on a monthly tenancy?

Mr. Batchelor:—They will be incorporated in the present lease but we have a cancellation clause in the lease of six months.

Mr. Annett:—I will put Resolution No. 2 to the meeting. All those in favour?—Carried.

Mr. Walker:—Is it in order to ask the question of occupying the Canteen as a Nursing Home has been considered? It seems rather a pity for the Canteen to be so close to the Nursing Home.

Mr. Batchelor:—That point I do not think was considered. I regret to say, by the existing Council some three years ago when they drew up the new lease for the Naval Authorities. At the time the Naval Authorities were given the Canteen the question of a Nursing Home was never discussed. In those days the Shameen residents had the use of the wards in the Canton Hospital and the Municipal Bungalow was lying idle, but having given the lease we cannot very well go back on it.

Mr. Walker:—It occurred to me that we might find some other place for them. It is not pleasant for them to be so very near the Nursing Home. Perhaps there might be some other buildings on Shameen where they might find quarters.

Mr. Annett:—To remove the Canteen or the Nursing Home?

Mr. Walker:—To remove the Canteen.

Mr. Batchelor:—I think, Mr. Walker, you are quite correct in saying that the Nursing Home might be suitably installed in the Naval Canteen but as the Naval Authorities have got that lease I do not see how we are going to cancel it.

Mr. Walker:—It is merely a suggestion, if we found better quarters for them elsewhere, they might cancel the lease.

Mr. Fletcher:—How long is the lease with the Naval Authorities?

Mr. Batchelor:—It has been leased since the last meeting for an indefinite period. A certain amount of capital expenditure has been incurred in the shape of a septic tank, etc., and the Canteen Authorities having guaranteed that they would pay an increased rent to cover depreciation at the rate of 10 per cent. and also 7 per cent. to cover interest, the Council on their part gave them a long lease. Formerly they were given a lease on a monthly basis but now there is a cancellation clause of three months' notice on either side.

Mr. Annett:—Anything further to say on the question of the Nursing Home? If not I will pass on to Resolution 3.

New Fire Brigade

Mr. Batchelor: In Resolution 3 you are asked to authorise the Council to arrange an increased overdraft with the Bank to cover the cost of a new fire engine and replace 1,000 feet of hose. I have already pointed out that it is essential to buy new hose in order to keep the Brigade in a state of efficiency. As regards the question of buying a new engine, smaller than the existing one, this matter came up for discussion after the serious fire which took place on Shaukei in October last. It will be remembered that the fire brigade found it necessary to spray the trees and buildings on the back bund during this fire quantities of burning cinders, etc., were being blown over the island. Some anxiety was occasioned in regard to properties on Central Avenue. A second engine could have been employed there in useful work.

Another point is that the present engine must at times be taken down for purposes of decarbonisation and to be left without an engine at all seems an unnecessary risk to run. The type of engine your Council has in view is smaller than the existing one and could quite easily be looked after by a volunteer brigade. Before formally proposing this perhaps somebody would like to speak about it?

Mr. Annett:—Any comments, gentlemen?

Mr. Spalinger:—How do the hydrants work, gentlemen?

Mr. Batchelor:—Hydrants are a very vexed question. The trouble is that the waterworks are working at a very high tension in order to keep water in the tank, but consumption is so high that it is never full and for fire practice we do not attempt to use hydrants other than occasionally to test them. But the pressure is so small on account of the low level of water in the tank that I do not think you will get the water from the hydrant to reach the top of, say, the B. & S. building. It would certainly not get anything near Arnhold's roof.

Mr. Spalinger:—Is there sufficient pressure for the high buildings from the hydrants?

Mr. Batchelor:—Yes, if the tank is full but as I said consumption is so high that the tank is never full. It needs considerable effort to keep water in the tank at all. It never stops there full.

I formally propose that Resolution No. 3 be passed.

Mr. Farmer:—I have much pleasure in seconding.

Mr. Annett:—Resolution No. 3 is now before the meeting. It is proposed by Mr. Batchelor and seconded by Mr. Farmer. All those in favour please put up their hands?—Carried.

Mr. Batchelor:—The next Resolution is No. 4. I am afraid I have little to add to what I have said and it is printed in the report and shall be glad to take the views of ratepayers.

Mr. Annett:—This is a resolution about the boat house. Anything to say about that?

Mr. Bowker:—I do not know if that has been formally proposed, if not, I will propose it.

Mr. Mei:—I beg to second it.

Mr. Annett:—Any comments to Resolution No. 4? It is proposed by Mr. Bowker and seconded by Mr. Mei that Resolution No. 4 be passed. All those in favour?—Carried.

Mr. Batchelor:—The next business, gentlemen, is Resolution No. 5 dealing with the House Tax. In view of the fact that Resolution Nos. 1 and 2 have been carried it is proposed that the House Tax shall be at the rate of 5.8994 per cent. on the total assessed rentals in accordance with the Assessment List already circulated: payable before March 21, 1929. Will somebody second that?

Mr. Walker: I have pleasure in seconding.

Mr. Annett: Any comments gentlemen? If not please signify in the usual manner. In favour? Against?—Carried.

Land Tax Fixed

Mr. Batchelor:—The next business gentlemen is Resolution No. 6 dealing with the Land Tax. Resolution No. 2 having been carried it is proposed that the Land Tax shall be at the rate of 0.7161 per cent. on H.B.M. Government's valuation of 1921-22 for each lot, payable before March 31, 1929. May I have a second?

Mr. Bowker:—I beg to second it.

Mr. Annett:—Resolution No. 6 as proposed by Mr. Batchelor and seconded by Mr. Bowker. All those in favour? Against?—Carried.

Mr. Batchelor:—Gentlemen, Resolutions 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 I propose to take together. There is no alteration in these taxes and they are the same as last year. With your permission I will take them together. May I have a second for that?

Mr. Farmer:—I have pleasure in seconding.

Mr. Annett:—It is proposed that Resolutions 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 be passed. All those in favour? Against?—Carried.

Mr. Annett:—The next item is to transact any other business regularly brought before the meeting. If anybody has anything to say at all in connection with the Council please do so.

Dr. Reynolds:—I would like to second Mr. Batchelor's remark about writing a letter to the Hong Kong Captain Superintendent of Police.—Carried.

Mr. Bowker:—If there is no other business I would like to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Annett for presiding.

Mr. Batchelor:—I have pleasure in seconding it.—Carried.

Mr. Annett:—Thank you, Gentlemen.

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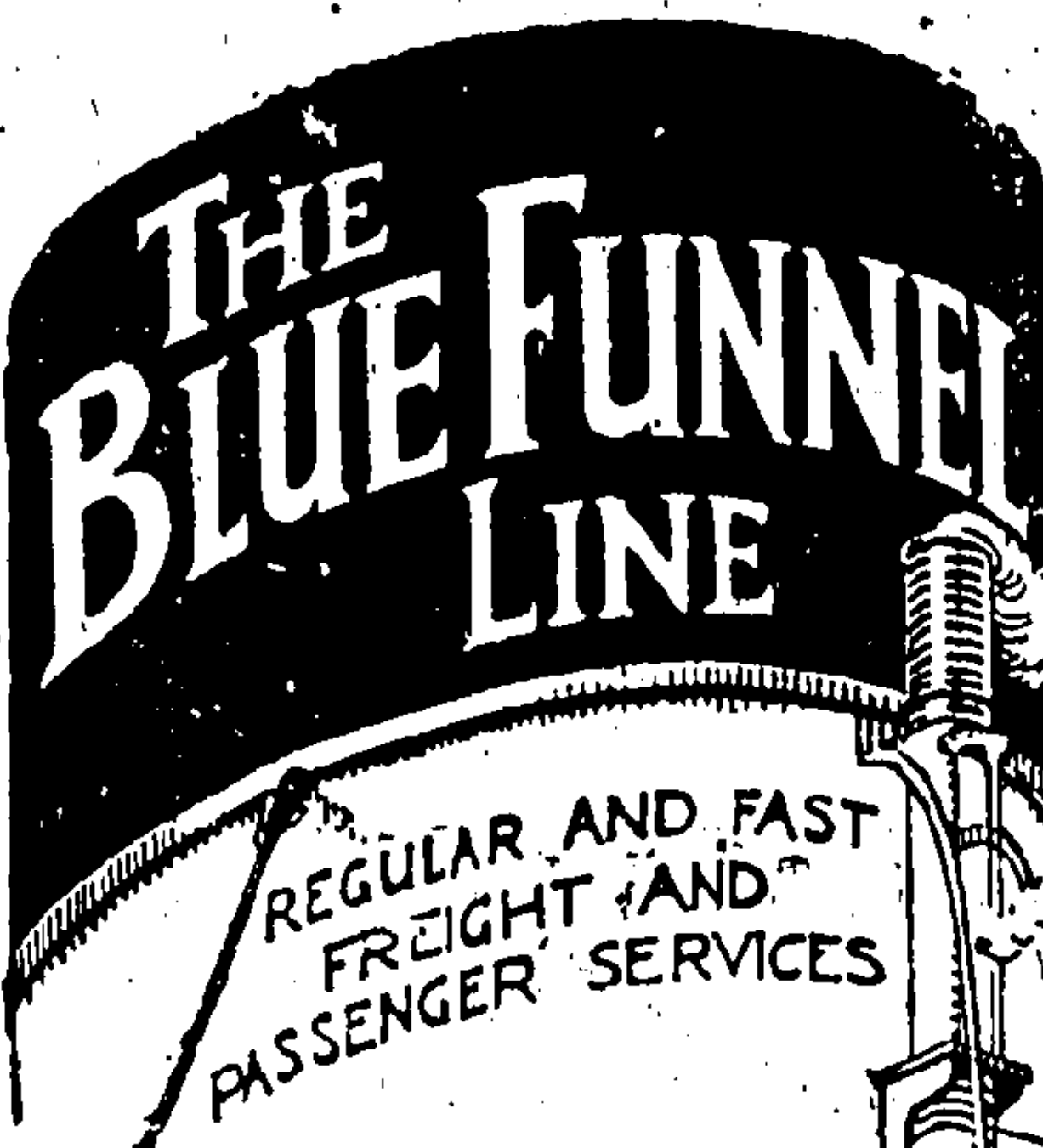
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	FRIDAY, MARCH 15.	
Shanghai		Khiva
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai		President Jefferson
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	SUNDAY, MARCH 17.	
Manila		Empress of Asia
Straits		Fooksang
	MONDAY, MARCH 18.	
Straits		Kitano Maru
Manila		President McKinley
	TUESDAY, MARCH 19.	
Shanghai		Patroclus

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For	Day	Time
Sam Shui and Wuchow	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13.	Kong Ning 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Japan		Porthos 5 p.m.
	THURSDAY, MARCH 14.	
Hohow and Haiphong		Menado Maru 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai		Odkerk 10.30 a.m.
Straits		Cremer 11 a.m.
Swatow		Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Straits		Amazon Maru 3.30 p.m.
Saigon		Solviken 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia, & New Zealand		
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 26th March. Parcels (Mar. 14) 5 p.m. Registration (Mar. 15) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Mar. 15) 10.30 a.m.		Taiping
	FRIDAY, MARCH 15.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Haining 2 p.m.
Japan		Naldora 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
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	SATURDAY, MARCH 16.	
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels Noon.		
Letters 1 p.m.		Hosang
Manila		President Jefferson 4.30 p.m.
Japan		Fook Sang 5 p.m.

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AIRSHIPS R100 AND R101

NEW STATEMENT

GOING TO EGYPT, INDIA AND CANADA

IMPERIAL FLIGHTS

London, Yesterday.
Sir Samuel Hoare, Air Minister, has rendered to the House of Commons an account of the progress and plans of airships R100 and R101 on the Air Force Estimates. They would be completed about the same time in the late Spring. Both would cost about the same, which was substantially more than the original estimate.

After their shed trials they would engage in a number of trial flights within reach of Great Britain. Thereafter the R101 would fly to Egypt, then to India and the next step would be trans-Atlantic, across to Montreal.

There was every reason to believe that airships would be regularly making imperial flights within a year.—Reuter.

AFGHANISTAN

EX-GENERALISSIMO ENTERS UPON THE SCENE

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Peshawar, Yesterday.
General Nadirkhan, ex-Generalissimo of Afghanistan, who had been living in retirement in the South of France for some years, arrived from Nice and proceeded to Khost from Peshawar a week ago. He was last heard of at Kohat where, replying to a deputation which urged him to support Amanullah, he said his chief aim was to save his country from bloodshed. It was expected that Nadirkhan would go to Kabul to negotiate with Habibullah and preparations were made there for his reception, but when it was learned that he was not arriving, Habibullah ordered the confiscation of his property. Ali Ahmed Khan of Jellalabad, who was deposed after the repulse of his advance upon Kabul early in February, is still at Peshawar. The rumours that Amanullah is advancing upon Kabul are not confirmed.—Reuter.

SALT LOANS

FUNDS PLACED WITH GROUP BANKS

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The "North China Daily News" understands that the Salt Revenue Department has placed sufficient funds with the group banks to meet foreign loan obligations secured thereon and due shortly, being sufficient to meet the Crisp and Anglo-French loan coupons, but there is no information obtainable whether the funds will be used to pay last year's defaulted coupon or the present year's coupon.—Reuter.

L.O.N. AND LABOUR

ALL-DAY DISCUSSION AT GENEVA

QUESTION OF REVISION

Geneva, Yesterday.
The League Labour Office discussion continued all day. Resolutions were proposed to submit points for revision to a Special Committee but failed to secure a majority whereupon Mr. Thomas stated that the revision of the Convention would be automatic at the end of the ten-year period, namely, October 1929 but he would, meantime, submit proposals to the Governor of the League Office for a solution of the difficulty.—Reuter.

CHINA AND FRANCE

WHAT THE NEW CHINESE MINISTER SAYS

STATEMENT TO PARIS PRESS

Paris, Yesterday.
Mr. Kuo Lou, the new Chinese Minister, has stated to "Le Temps" that he would do all that was possible to tighten and develop economic and intellectual Franco-Chinese relations. He added that he would hand over to the Paris Institute for Chinese studies copious material concerning China's history, literature and arts.—Havas.

BRITISH TRADE

BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS

London, Yesterday.
The Board of Trade returns for February are:—
Imports£91,349,000
Exports£55,665,000
These figures show decreases of £24,714,000 and £11,214,000 respectively compared with January.—Reuter.

Access to New Capital

London, Yesterday.
The necessity of thoroughly reconditioning the organisation and equipment of British industries is stressed in the final report of the Committee on Industry and Trade established in 1924 under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Balfour. The Committee does not believe that any of the principal basic industries are so weakened by the long continued depression as not to have the power within themselves to take the first measures towards their own regeneration. The report declares that at all costs the power of access to new capital must be regained, to achieve which measures of financial reconstruction and writing down capital, and amalgamations in order to increase the size of the business unit may be among the essential steps to be taken. Dealing with Empire markets, the report particularly draws attention to the high value of Imperial preference.—Reuter.

The D.E.I. Government is expecting a visit from the Governor of the Straits Settlements at the end of this or the beginning of next year, says the "Times of Malaya."

BRITISH CAPITAL AND LABOUR

JOINT REPORT

EMIGRATION, INDUSTRY AND UNEMPLOYMENT

COLONIES DEVELOPMENT

London, Yesterday.
The Joint Committee, representing a group of employers, headed by Lord Melchett and the Trades Union Congress, has issued a new interim report chiefly dealing with measures fostering emigration and stimulating industry, coping with unemployment, and encouragement of nationalisation. It recommends that Government and Municipal orders be placed in Britain under a Crown Colonies Development Committee. It should be formed for the purpose of the development and the placing of orders of plant in Britain, and that the Government should create and maintain a Development Fund capable of financing the more important schemes of the Government and that an inquiry into the currency and banking policy should be undertaken.—Reuter.

CHINA CRISIS

WHAT NANKING MAY ASK FOR SETTLEMENT

PEACE BY NEGOTIATION?

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The present prospects point to the probability of the Hankow troops accepting instructions from the Central Government. It is reliably reported that the Nanking Government is demanding, firstly, the abolition of the Provincial Political Councils of Hupeh, Hunan and Kwangtung or the removal of Hu Tung-tu from the chairmanship of the Hupeh Council; secondly, the removal of Ho Chien and the reinstatement of Lu Ti-ping as chairman of the Hunan Council, and thirdly, the withdrawal of all Hankow troops from Kiangsi and from Hunan.

Halao Li-tze, Nanking's special delegate to General Feng Yu-hsiang in connection with the Hunan issue, has returned. He states that Feng Yu-hsiang is anxious for a peaceful issue, but in any case will obey the decision of the Central Party headquarters.

Doubtful Loyalty

Hankow, Yesterday.
There is a quiet consensus of opinion that the Hankow troops would be unable to withstand an attack from Nanking since the loyalty of certain Generals is most doubtful. There are no indications of general mobilisation here or that a settlement by negotiation is likely to fail. Troops going down the Yangtze are only sufficient to hold up the opposing forces for the time necessary to permit the main forces to retreat from Hankow.—Reuter.

Skirmishing Now

The Provincial Kuomintang members have not departed, as arranged, for the forthcoming congress and the situation again seems to be tending toward seriousness. The latest from Changsha is that Ho Chien has resigned, having sent his resignation to Nanking instead of to Hankow. This is not yet confirmed.

It is reported that Lu Ti-ping has arrived at Kluksang from Nanking and that skirmishes have already commenced on the border.

Honan in Trouble

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A Nanking message says the dismissal of the entire Provincial Party Affairs Directorate for Honan, on account of "unwarranted criticism of the Central Executive Council and defiance of its decisions," has been decided upon, on the ground that the former opposed the method of election of delegates to the forthcoming National Congress.

A Peking View

A message from Peking says that General Pei Chung-hsi (who is a friend of Hankow), in the course of a circular telegram dealing with the Hunan situation, urges the Central authorities to maintain a calm, tolerant attitude. He points out that the Hankow Political Council, being a subordinate organ to the Central Government, will and must abide by the decision of the Central Political Council.—Reuter.

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